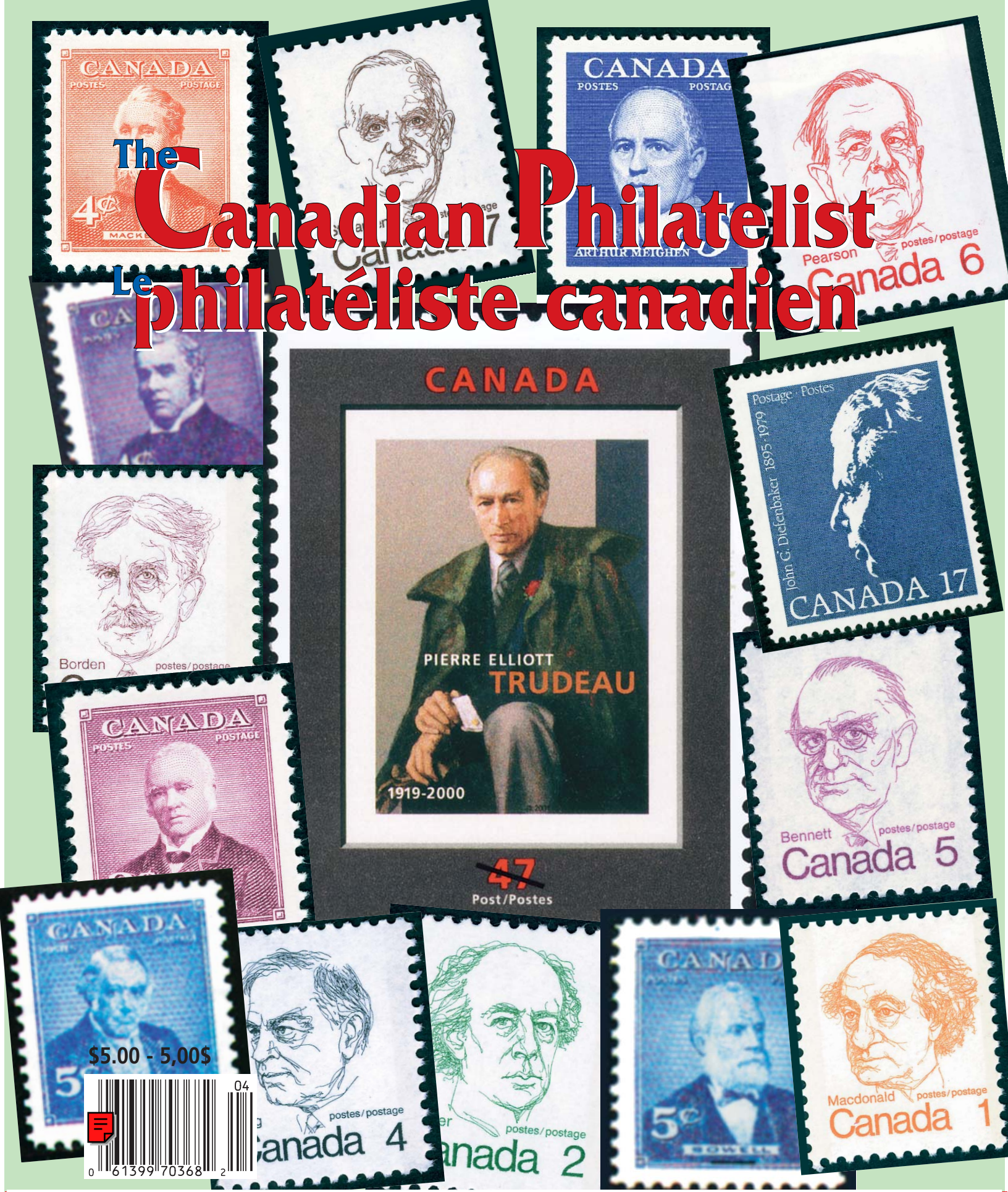

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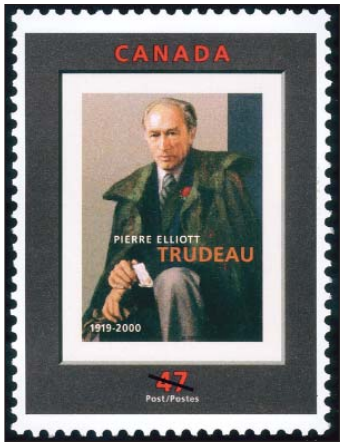

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Lost in the Fog

by Ken Lewis

This story is related to give the background to the cover shown in Fig. 1 that concerns the final voyage of the S.S. Labrador. The Labrador was built in 1891 at the Harland & Wolff shipyard at Belfast, Northern Ireland. Her dimensions are; 401 feet (122.22 metres) long, 47 feet 2½ inches (14.37 metres) wide, 28 feet 3½ inches (8.61 metres) deep, had a gross tonnage of 4,737 (2998 net tonnage), registered at Liverpool, England. She carried both passengers and cargo across the Atlantic for her owners, the Mississippi and Dominion Steamship Company Limited (more popularly known as the Dominion Line). A three-cylinder triple expansion steam engine, which developed 573 horsepower, powered her single propeller up to a maximum speed of 15 knots. She had accommodation for 100 first-class, 50 second-class, and 1000 third-class passengers, together with a crew of about 150. The livery on her funnel was, from the top, a black top, one red band, one white band, and the remainder being red to the superstructure. The rest of the ship had a black hull with red deck; white forecastle, superstructure, and poop; buff masts and white lifeboats. It is claimed, by the majority of shipping agents, that she was the finest four masted steam ship of her day. She was also a Royal Mail Ship (RMS) – licensed to carry mail by the British Post Office. Her first port of call after crossing the Atlantic Ocean was expected to be Moville in County Donegal, Northern Ireland. Moville is situated just to the right of the sea entrance to Londonderry in Lough Foyle.

The final voyage of the Labrador began, in early February 1899, when she left St. John, New Brunswick with a cargo of grain, bags of mail, and 17 horses (under the control of a man known as 'Scotty'). En route, to Liverpool, England, she called at

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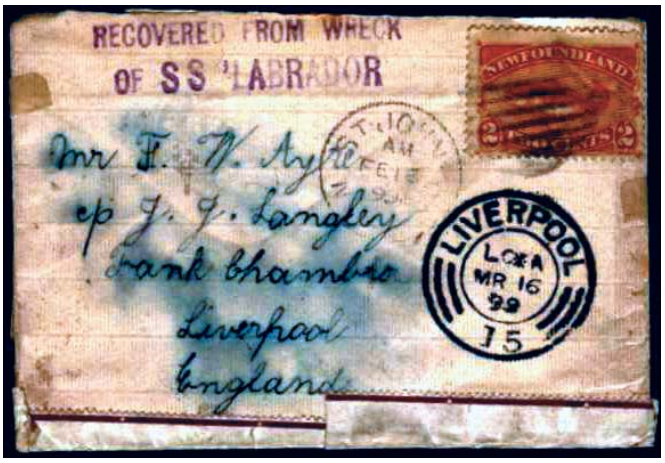

Figure 1

Halifax, Nova Scotia to collect and deliver any mail. Her final call before starting her Atlantic journey was at St. John's, Newfoundland where she once again collected and delivered mail. Leaving St. John's, Newfoundland she had a total of 153 bags of mail on board. The passenger list was comprised of 31 first-class, 19 second-class, and 24 third-class, and the crew of 92, making a total of 166. Delivering and collecting mail from British colonies en route was the normal duty for a RMS ship. The crossing of the Atlantic was pretty uneventful until they ran into a haze, which quickly grew by the hour into a very thick fog. At the point when this fog was at its thickest, on the 26th February 1899, the only navigation that could be done was by dead reckoning such was the fog's intensity. Even the regular sightings taken at noon could not be done for three days. In the very early hours of the 1st March 1899, during this thick fog, her captain (T. W. Erskine) estimated that she was off the north coast of Ireland. In fact they were some sixty miles further north than expected, and at 7:00am a shudder ran throughout the ship, just as the passengers were waking. All soundings revealed that she had run aground, and was stuck hard and fast on the north-eastern side of MacKenzie's Rock. MacKenzie's Rock are a remote group of rocks that are a known hazard to shipping, and some 15 miles to the west of the nearest landfall at Hynish, Tiree, Scotland. As a precautionary measure the eight lifeboats were prepared and lowered. An examination of the holds, tanks, and forepeak took place by the ship's carpenter and he reported that she was taking in water over her entire length. This intake of water was soaking her cargo of grain, which had begun to swell and break through the hold covers. At this point Captain Erskine decided to abandon ship, and all the passengers (74) and crew (92) took to the lifeboats. Because of the angle the ship had run aground the passengers had to be lowered into the lifeboats by rope. Before 'Scotty' left the ship he cut the horses loose, and left them with a feed of corn. By the time the first boat (with 12 people on board) had left, and headed for the Skerryvore Lighthouse, the fog had lifted. The other boats saw the shape of a ship nearing them and headed towards this ship. By luck the nearest ship was the Norwegian S.S. Viking (Captain – Mr. Hunland), also off her

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The S.S. Labrador

regular course (Glasgow to Stornoway) due to the fog, picked up the survivors from all but one of the lifeboats. The other lifeboat had managed to reach the safety of Skerryvore Lighthouse, situated about three miles to the east of MacKenzie's Rock. The Viking landed all the survivors she had collected at Tobermory, on Wednesday evening, where Mr. & Mrs. McLean of the Nishnish Hotel looked after them. The twelve survivors who reached the lighthouse included, Agoncillo (a Philippine agent who was driven out of the United States), Captain Bowles (of the 'Empress of India), and Captain Chisholm (who was affectionately referred to as the 'old hero.') These survivors remained at the lighthouse until rescued by the lighthouse steamer, which left Oban on Thursday 2nd March. It was to rescue the survivors from the lighthouse and salvage any mail. Incidentally the Skerryvore lighthouse was built to act as a warning to seafarers, not to prevent disasters.

This incident happened at grid reference 56.17.30N 07.10.30W, on 1st March 1899 at 7:00 am on the northeastern side of MacKenzie's Rock. The Viking would have steamed past the Labrador unaware of her plight if a member of her crew had not spotted steam escaping from her steam whistle. The steam pressure was insufficient to voice the whistle. By the 6th March 1899 the grain, due to the seawater, had swollen to such an extent that the Labrador split in two and it was regarded as a total loss. Since the incident the Labrador has been largely salvaged for scrap. Both the grain and the 153 bags of mail were left to the ravages of the sea and weather.

Captain Erskine sent a message to his headquarters of Messrs. Richards, Mills and Co., (managers of the Dominion Line of steamships) in Liverpool, it read:

'Labrador, during thick fog, ran on the Mackenzie Rock at 7 a.m. yesterday, four miles from Skerryvore Lighthouse. She struck the rocks amidships, and the sea is breaking over her. One, two, and three holds are full of water. Passengers and crew were all saved, and left the ship in boats. One boat with passengers landed at the lighthouse. All other boats were picked up by German steamer Viking. If ship does not break up I will endeavour to save mails'.

When the managers read this message they immediately dispatched the Liverpool tug, Great Emperor, with a crew of divers. The Oban lighthouse steamer appears to have been unsuccessful in salvaging any mail.

The cover shown in Fig. 1 (kindly loaned by Colin D. Lewis especially to illustrate this article), of width 111mm and height 77mm, was posted at St. John's, Newfoundland on 16th February 1899, and was carried by this ship. It is thought that this particular cover had been in the sea for about a week before being salvaged. The mailbag was delivered, in this case to Liverpool, and its contents had to be dried out before the post office could do anything with them. Once dry, the covers were stamped with the port of entry receiver and the postal officials used the selvedge from sheet stamps to seal the damaged mail. In this case, indicated by the colour of the Jubilee line, that the selvedge appears to have come from the 3d purple stamps issued to celebrate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria Jubilee in 1897. The cover is addressed to Mr. F. W. Ayr, c/o J. J. Langley, Frank Chambers, Liverpool, England, and because the cover was addressed within Liverpool only the port of entry receiver was applied. The stamp used on this particular cover is the Newfoundland 2 cents orange-vermilion (perf. 12) first issued in January 1888.

It is estimated that less than twelve covers are known to exist from the 153 mailbags carried on this ship. The differences between the covers delivered to Glasgow and Liverpool are:

Liverpool

Cachet: 'RECOVERED FROM WRECK/OF SS LABRADOR' in violet ink.
Receiver: Postmarked either 15th or 16th March 1899.

Glasgow

Cachet: 'Damaged by immersion/in Sea Water' in violet ink.
Receiver: Postmarked either 10th or 14th March 1899.

Why the Scottish Post Office at Glasgow did not have a special cachet for this disaster such as the one used by Liverpool is unknown.

An unknown number of these bags of mail were salvaged and delivered to the postal authorities at the ports of Glasgow and Liverpool. It appears that more than one ship salvaged these bags of mail; otherwise they would have all been delivered to the same port at the same time. It has neither been recorded how many ships salvaged mail from this wreck, nor how many bags were delivered to each port. It is quite probable that the Viking and Great Emperor managed to salvage some mail bags on their travels, and delivered them to their respective ports (Glasgow for the Viking, and Liverpool for the Great Emperor), on their return.

What must be remembered is that even though stamp collecting was one of the main hobbies throughout the world at this time, the collecting of postal history was not yet considered to be part of the hobby. It is very possible that most of the covers from this incident were either discarded or the stamps removed and the cover destroyed. If it were not for these few covers, this tale would remain in the history books, and the philatelic background would be lost forever.

Captain Erskine made reference to SS Viking as being German, but the latest references indicate that it was in fact Norwegian. Both the books referred to below were published within the last seven years, and contain material from eminent maritime historians, that has lead to the unearthing of this original error. This latest information has been accepted as being true and used for this article.

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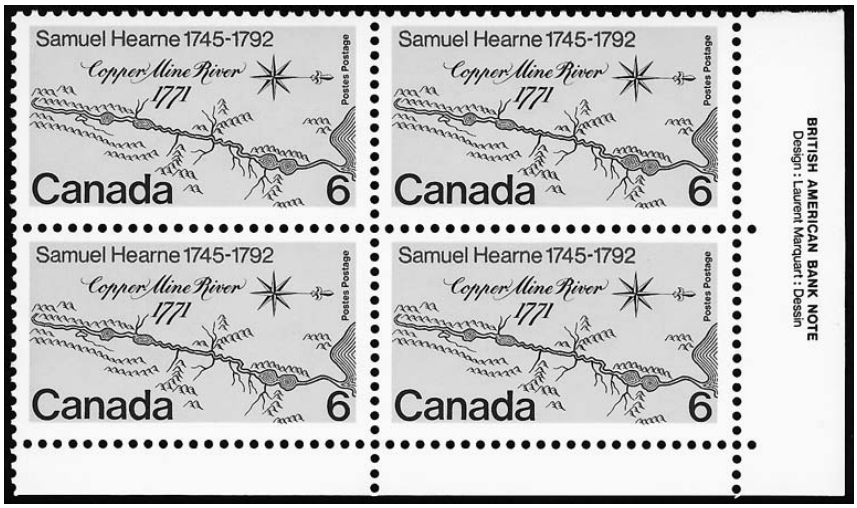

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By Jay J. Edward

A copy of an old map at the National Postal Archives in Ottawa was of special interest to the author. The map pertains to the explorations of Samuel Hearne in the late 1700s. Readers will recall that Canada Post issued a six-cent stamp in 1971 honouring Samuel Hearne and his explorations in Canada.

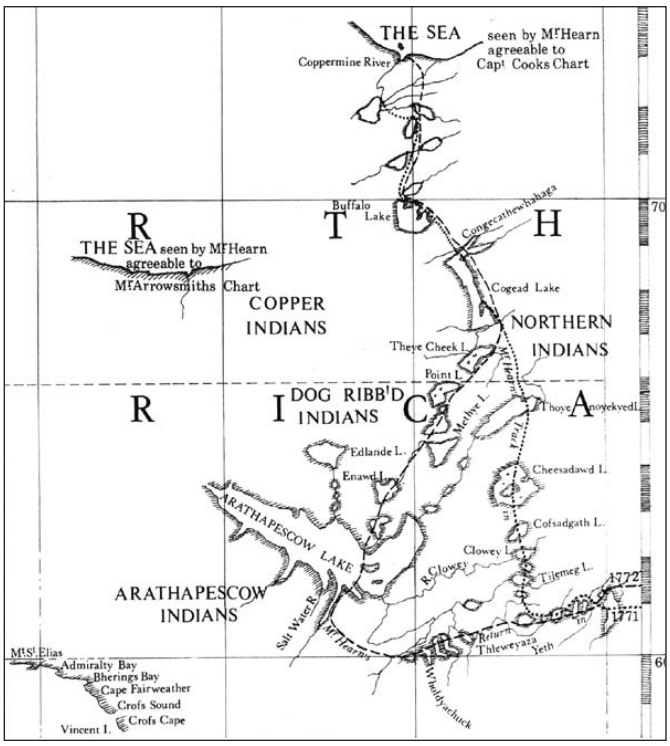
Samuel Hearne was an explorer, a fur trader and an author. A son of Samuel and Diana Hearne of London, England, he was born in London in 1745. Hearne served in the Royal Navy for seven years before joining the Hudson's Bay Company in February 1766 as a mate on the navy sloop Churchill operating out of Churchill, Manitoba.

After the tragic end of the James Knight expedition into the Arctic in 1719, interest in exploration work by the Hudson's Bay Company greatly diminished. Hearne found the remains of the Knight expedition on Marble Island in 1767. The company's shareholders in England began to complain about the lack of expansion and exploration in Canada. As a result two Indians, Idotliazee and Matonabee were sent in 1762 to explore the area north of Churchill. They returned in 1767 with the news that copper was found in the northern area.

The Hudson's Bay Company decided to send Hearne north from Churchill on an exploration trip to the Arctic Ocean coast to determine the feasibility of establishing a whaling station. Two attempts by Hearne to reach the Coppermine area in 1769 failed due to unreliable guides and lack of proper equipment. On February 7, 1779 Hearne undertook his third journey. This time Hearne chose for his guide Matonabee, a well known influential Indian known for his grandiose style of living. He had six wives, whom he insisted on taking along on the expedition. They reached the Coppermine River on July 14, 1771 which Hearne traced to its mouth at Coronation Gulf on the Arctic Ocean. It was on July 17, 1771 that he reached the frozen Arctic Ocean, the first European to reach it overland. Hearne saw the copper mines and returned to Churchill on June 30, 1772 with sample lumps of copper. His return was via Great Slave Lake and Chipewayan territory. He was the first European to see and cross Great Slave Lake.

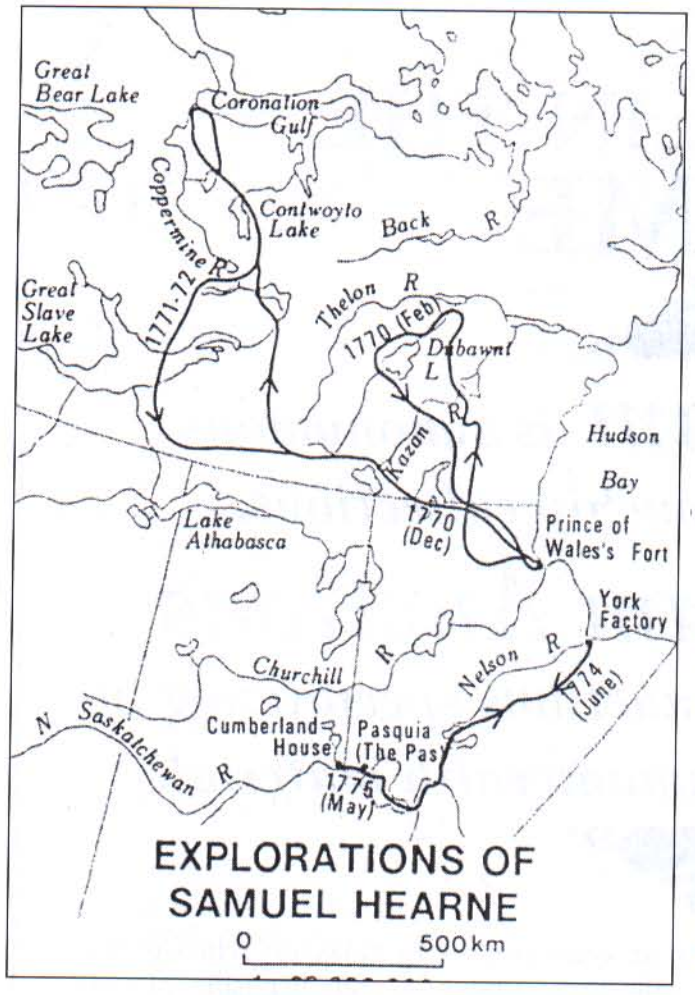
In 1773 the Hudson's Bay Company sent Hearne to establish its first inland post, Cumberland House, on Pine Island in the Saskatchewan River. In January 1776, after his return to Churchill, Hearne was put in command of the fort which had been rebuilt and renamed Fort Prince of Wales.

Competition between the English and French fur traders was intense at the time. On August 8, 1782 Hearne and his



Map drawn by Donald Fraser from part of 1795 map by Meares showing Hearne's 1771 journey to Copper Mine and his return in 1772. Arathapescow Lake – which was really Great Slave Lake – was confused with Lake Athabasca.

Note: Meares shows the mouth of the Coppermine River as 132 W., 71.8 N. although Alexander Dalrymple on his map of 1789 placed it at 68.5 N. A later map by Arrowsmith (1793) showed it as 68.5 N. The actual location is 115.05 W., 67.5 N. Courtesy: Postal Archives, National Archives of Canada.



Map showing the routes taken by Samuel Hearne in his exploration journeys to Coppermine and Cumberland House. Courtesy: Canadian Encyclopedia.

38 civilians were confronted by a French force of three ships and 290 soldiers under the command of Comte de Lapérouse. Hearne surrendered. He and some of the prisoners were allowed to sail back to England via Hudson Strait.

In September 1783, Hearne was again put in charge of Fort Prince of Wales. He built a small wooden house which he named Fort Churchill. His health began to fail and as a result he resigned his command of Fort Prince of Wales on August 16, 1787 and shortly after returned to England. Hearne wrote extensively about his explorations and discoveries. His Journey from Prince of Wales's Fort in Hudson's Bay to the Northern Ocean was published in London, England and received wide acclaim. It, along with his other manuscripts and journals, was translated into many languages and printed in many editions over the years. Samuel Hearne died in London in November 1792.

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Commemorative Books By Post Offices

An Important Contribution!

by Joseph Monteiro

INTRODUCTION

The production of commemorative books by Post Offices in several countries is an important contribution to philately. It provides a wealth of information on history, folklore and technical background. These books are produced by the Post Office, a Government or Crown corporation, and are usually a top-of-the-line product with lavish illustrations. They are printed with all the trimmings needed to win a gold award in any philatelic literature exhibition. The printing is usually done on heavy smooth coated or photographic paper on a six colour printing press by speciality printing houses. Their obvious excellence will satisfy the most demanding connoisseurs of printing.

This article will review special commemorative books by Post Offices and Annual Albums by Post Offices from several selected countries and then offer suggestions on how such activity can be encouraged and how sales volumes can be improved. These comments are based on my experience as a participant in numerous literature exhibitions and as a philatelist, observer and researcher.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE POST OFFICE BOOKS

There are two basic types of special commemorative post office books produced by Post Offices in various countries: the first is concerned with general themes; the second with some special theme. Several of the special commemorative books will be briefly reviewed.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS ON GENERAL THEMES

HONG KONG – *The History of Hong Kong Post Office 1841-1991:*

The History of Hong Kong Post Office 1841-1991 was released in 1991 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Hong Kong Post Office. The album runs to 106 pages, and is encased in a slipcase of red cloth on which the title of the book is printed in gold. The book has a hard-bound glossy cover depicting the Post Office buildings. Twenty-five thousand copies of the book were printed and its original selling price is $400 (HK).

The album contains basic chapters as follows: 1. The Beginning of the Hong Kong Post Office; 2. Postal Services in the 19th Century; 3. Postal Services 1911-1945; and 4. Post-War Years and Modernization 1945-1991. Besides these chapters it contains the usual acknowledgments, citations, bibliographies, and appendices. The album contains historic colour photographs and provides a brief, excellent coverage of the issues of Hong Kong stamps.

Included in the album are stamps of several modern commemorative issues which enhances its value considerably. Since the stamps of Hong Kong are usually quite colourful and the oriental designs and culture are quite different from Western designs and culture it certainly makes the album even more impressive. It is certainly a book that most collectors of philatelic literature might want to obtain.

NEW ZEALAND – *1898 Pictorials Centenary Collections:*

The *1898 Pictorials Centenary Collections* was issued in 1998 to commemorate the 1898 New Zealand pictorials issue. The album is 92 pages long with borders of gold. It is encased in a hard case covered in reddish cloth on which the title of the book is printed in gold with a small picture. The book has a hard bound cover and is similarly clothbound with the identical title. Two thousand copies, each individually numbered, were printed, but due to increased demand a second print of another two thousand copies were issued. The price of each copy is $295 (NZ).

The album begins with a description of New Zealand a century ago and includes illustrations of the first 14 pictorial stamps. There are 13 sections or plates. Each plate contains a description of the stamps with additional details as follows: 1. 40-cent Mount Cook Stamp Plate 1; 2. 40-cent Lake Taupo Stamp Plate 11; 3. 40-cent Pembroke Peak Stamp Plate 11; 4. 80-cent Wakatipu and Wakitipi Stamps Plate IV; 5. 40-cent Huia Stamp Plate V; 6. 40-cent White Terraces Stamp Plate VI; 7. $1.00 Otira Gorge Stamp Plate VII; 8. 40-cent Kiwi Stamp Plate VIII; 9. 40-cent Maori War Canoe Stamp Plate IX; 10. $1.20 Pink Terraces Stamp Plate X; 11. 40-cent Kea and Kaka Stamp Plate XI; 12. $1.50 Milford Sound Stamp XII; and 13. $1.80 Mount Cook Stamp XIII. Citing the proper acknowledgment, the album also contains excellent colour photographs.

Each section contains a pane of 25 stamps with each pane embroidered in gold and includes the copy number along with the edition number. The work, a masterpiece in printing and production, is one that most literature and philatelic collectors would want to include in their libraries.

NEW ZEALAND – *The Millennium Album:*

The New Zealand *Millennium Album* was issued in 2000 to commemorate the new millennium. The album is 62 pages long, and is encased in a slipcase of black cloth on which the title of the book is printed in silver with an attachment of a small metal piece showing the sun. The book is similarly bound. Fifteen thousand copies of the book were printed and its original selling price was $129 (NZ).

The album begins with a foreword from the Rt. Honourable Sir Douglas Graham and consists of the following six sections: 1. Discoveries; 2. A New Beginning; 3. Urban Transformation; 4. Nostalgia; 5. Leading the Way; and 6. First to See the New Dawn. It contains an acknowledgment and the collection includes excellent colour photographs. It is however not as glamorous as the Hong Kong album described above.

Each section contains a souvenir sheet specifically printed for this album to-

gether with a set of stamps. It is done in excellent taste and most collectors would be proud to include it in their collection.

CANADA – *The Millennium Collection:*

The Millennium Collection of Canada was issued in September 1999. Like New Zealand, it was also issued to commemorate the new millennium. The album is 94 pages long and has a hard wrap-around cloth cover, secured by sunken polished-steel Chicago screws. Two hundred thousand copies of the book were printed and its original selling price was $59.99 (Cd).

The Millennium Collections contains exquisitely designed and meticulously lithographed mint stamps printed in a unique format of two stamps per page. One page contains the two stamps and the opposing page contains information about them. Apart from the stamps, the book is printed in black and white.

The Collection contains 68, 46-cent stamps. Due to philatelic comments, Canada Post printed 17 souvenir sheets of four stamps contained in the collection. André Ouellet, Chairman of Canada Post, says, "The Millennium Collection is a celebration of what it means to be Canadian at a pivotal moment in world history, honouring our past, and confidently welcoming the future."

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS ON SPECIAL THEMES

NEW ZEALAND – *A Life That Spans a Century:*

To honour the Queen Mother's 100 years of life, New Zealand issued a commemorive book *A Life That Spans a Century* in July 2000. Five thousand copies of this book were produced and each volume is priced at $99 (NZ).

The book describes interesting enduring memories about the Queen Mother's childhood, reign, family, achievements, interests and visits to New Zealand. Each section contains various fascinating accounts of this English Monarch who captivated the hearts of generations with her grace and warmth. It contains numerous black and white photographs of a time gone by that can only be found in the archives and on interesting modern colour photographs.

Each book contains one sheetlet of three souvenir sheets joined vertically and three sheetlets of twenty-five

Pictured above is a variety of commemorative books published by postal administrations from around the world.

stamps for each of the three stamps issued. The three sheetlets have a special blue border which is embossed in gold. This differs from the normal sheets with their white border and these specially produced sheetlets are not available for purchase at postal counters.

AUSTRALIA – *Golden Heroes 2000:*

The Australian *Golden Heroes 2000* book was issued to commemorate the 2000 Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games. The book consists of 56 pages and has a hard cover and a slipcase. The name of the book is printed in gold. Two thousand volumes were printed. Five hundred of these books contain digital stamps (for corporate presentation) and fifteen hundred contain offset stamps. Purchase is by ballot and the price is $245 (Aus).

Written by an official historian for the Australian Olympic Committee, the "book features a two page spread on each Gold Medalists stamp sheetlet, the Paralympian of the Year sheetlet, and the SES sheetlet issued for Best Paralympic Male Female, Junior Male, Junior Female, Team and Coach, and Merit Award… for the subsidiary Paralympian awards (for which Australia Post issued SES sheets of 20 by 45-cent) the book includes a block of two stamps, each with tab, along with a reduced image of the full sheet." It also contains stunning colour photographs of athletes.

UNITED STATES – *Celebrate the Century Heirloom Edition:*

The United States *Celebrate the Century Heirloom Edition* consists of 10 volumes. Each volume consists of approximately 90 pages in hardcover. The hardcover of each volume is covered by a colourful jacket. Each of the volumes covers one decade. Volumes cost $34.95 (US) each.

The set of 10 volumes comes with a special binder containing 10 panes of stamps, one for each decade. Each pane commemorates one decade beginning with the 1900s The Dawning of the Twentieth Century; and continuing with the 1910, America Looks Beyond its Border; 1920s The Roaring Twenties; 1930s Depression Dust Bowl and a New Deal; 1940s World War II Transforms America; 1950s Family Fun, Suburbia and Nuclear Threats; 1960s The Rebellious Sixties and Man on the Moon; 1970s Bicentennial, Watergate, and Earth Day; 1980s Space Shuttle Launched, Berlin Wall Falls, and; ending with the 1990s Cold War ends, Millions Explore World Wide Web.

The pane of 15 stamps commemorates memorable events in each decade. Each volume describes in considerable detail these events with lavishly coloured illustrations and photographs providing testimony to these events. It contains a considerable degree of information generally lacking in most special commemorative post office books.

ANNUAL ALBUMS

For several years the Post Offices in a number of countries have issued annual albums containing some or all of the stamps they issued. Following are reviews of: New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, China, and Singapore.

New Zealand

The New Zealand Stamp Collection albums have been produced for the last seventeen years. They contain colourful pictures produced on high quality heavy smooth paper or photographic paper. The album is hardbound and is presented in a hardcover slipcase. The New Zealand Collection 1999 Prestige Album contains 71 pages and is expertly produced. Two thousand copies were produced which were individually numbered and signed. It contains a wealth of information. The price of the prestige album is $99 compared with the normal Album which was sold for $79. Given the price in the upper range, it could have been made more valuable through the insertion of some unique philatelic item, for example, a souvenir sheet. It could also have had a special colour or border with a print number so as to differentiate it from the normal souvenir sheet.

Australia

Collection of 2000 Australian Stamps, Executive Edition, is rich in cultural, and historical Australian stories. The Album is 55 pages long and contains a wealth of information. The executive edition's hard cover album with gilt edged pages is bound with black leather like material embossed with gold foil and the corners are protected with brass protectors. The cover and slip case are printed on metallic silver (Skivertex®). A compact disc style reflective foil reflects all the colours of the spectrum when moved. A second foil is used to highlight the title text on both the slip and cover. It contains a limited edition, unique composite gold medalist sheet only available through this limited edition. The executive edition costs $117.50 (Aus) compared to the deluxe edition which cost $82.50 (Aus) but the latter does not contain the special sheet. This publication stands out in a class by itself and is likely to suit the taste of most demanding philatelic connoisseurs.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong's Annual Stamp Albums are printed on heavy photographic paper of excellent quality. The beauty of the photographs in the album is somewhat diminished due to the mounts for stamps which cover some of these excellent colour photographs. Once the stamps are inserted, the photographs are covered up. A few additional pages for the insertion of the stamps would have enhanced its value considerably. Information contained in the albums is also limited. If additional details and information were included the overall quality of the albums would have increased tremendously. Furthermore, the album does not contain all the stamps issued in each year. The Hong Kong 2000 Prestige Annual Stamp Album ($340HK) contains most of the stamps issued in 2000 and is a significant improvement over the annual stamp albums issued in previous years. Hong Kong Stamps 1994 is 24 pages in length and 10,000 were printed. The 1995 Album is 20 pages in length and the same quantity was produced as in the previous year. The 2000 Prestige Album is 60 pages in length with the quantity printed being the same.

Canada

Canada began producing its Annual Stamp Albums in 1972. Initially it came in a softbound cover and over the years it has improved tremendously. Today, these Annual Stamp Albums are sold with a hard bound cover and a colourful jacket. It is rich in information and contains facts about the designer and the artists involved in the stamp illustration. The paper is of an excellent quality and is smooth and much heavier than normal smooth paper, probably 80 lb. bond or photographic paper. It does not suffer from the deficiency of the Hong Kong Stamp albums where after the insertion of the stamps, the stamps cover the colourful photographs as a special place is reserved for the stamps which are also shown as part of the picture. The Collection Canada 2000 ($41.95 Cd) consists of 56 pages. It is presented in a hardbound volume and the stamps are complemented by a wealth of full-colour photography and detailed information. A new progressive design approach has been used in the 2000 volume.

Singapore

The 1995 Annual Album of Singapore – *Collection of Singapore Stamps* – is a thirty-five page album. It contains a colourful presentation of stamps from Singapore. It is produced by the Singapore Philatelic Bureau on high quality smooth paper. This Album is produced with a hardbound cover and is presented in a colourful slipcase. It contains a number of colourful pictures with technical description on each stamp summarized below the space where the stamps are inserted. Additional information about the stamps could make the book more valuable.

China

The Chinese Stamp Collection of 1994 is an album of 44 pages that contains colourful pictures produced on heavy photographic paper of high quality. The album is hardbound and is sold in a hardcover slipcase. The space reserved for the insertion of the stamps contains technical description for each

stamp summarized at the sides and contains numerous interesting oriental pictures. As far as the printing is concerned, it is done very professionally and is comparable to albums produced in the more technically advanced countries. Additional information would certainly make the book more valuable as a reference and source of information. Ten thousand albums for 1994 were printed.

CONCLUSION

The special commemorative books produced by postal administrations have been, in general, successful financial ventures. Those that have failed were the result of poor marketing schemes. It is a puzzle why government philatelic bodies publish multiples of the quantity that can be sold. As a businesses venture, it makes no sense. But governments keep doing it. There may be significant economies of scale in specialized book printing, since the additional cost of printing 500 or 1000 copies may be marginal but if the demand for books is 400 copies, and the agencies produce 1000 copies most collectors and retailers react adversely. Instead of buying 400 copies they cut their demand to 200 copies resulting in a further redundancy.

I have often seen retailers removing the stamps from albums and sell the stamps at face value or above, especially if the album contains unique items and sell the books without stamps as loss-leaders or at scrap value. Rely on these bodies to kill the goose that could lay the golden egg. New Zealand is perhaps the only country (of those reviewed here) to have adopted a rational policy. But this country too has slipped up at times. Its annual albums have in general not been successful financial ventures. Nevertheless, it provides useful information on the background of the stamps from an historical perspective. This is usually not useful to the advanced philatelists as it rarely provides information in such detail that is of use to advanced philatelists, for example, information on the different dimensions of stamps (i.e., different perforations, papers, etc.).

The important question is: Can one offer useful suggestion on how these organizations can improve and correct their marketing practices? With regard to special commemorative books, production should be limited to meet the demand. Second, these books should contain some unique philatelic items or stamps formatted in a unique manner. Third, the nearer the selling price of the book to the value of the stamps contained therein, the greater the demand. This is because it enables retailers to remove the stamps from the books and use them or sell them separately in case demand for the books are weak. Fourth, because these books are usually high priced, ranging from $100 to $300, the higher the price, the lower the quantity demanded, all other things being equal.

With regard to annual albums, production should be reduced dramatically. Second, the annual album should contain some unique philatelic item. For example, a new stamp or unique configuration or specially numbered or bordered souvenir sheets. Third, the price of these albums should be near the value of the individual stamps. Finally, they should be marketed and advertised to young students in schools especially as it is a valuable and rich source of information on each country's history, culture, and folklore. ✤

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Governors Generals and Prime Ministers of Canada on stamps

Les Gouverneurs généraux et les Premiers ministres du Canada sur timbres

by/par Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC

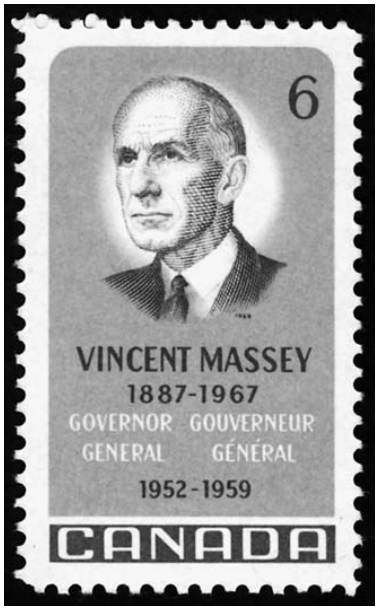
The RPSC's website www.rpsc.org or www.philately.ca enables visitors to leave questions related to stamps and stamp collecting. Usually the questions are simple. They ask questions such as "What is portrayed on such and such a stamp?" or request information on values or how to dispose of an inherited collection. From time to time, however, a question is asked that requires a little more research before an answer can be given. In this case, the question was "Whether the speed with which Canada Post is putting out a commemorative Trudeau stamp for 1 July amounts to rushing things according to their formal policy or conventional behaviour, or not?" Since many of our readers may ask the same question, I thought I would share with you the answer I gave Lorne Gunter, a columnist from *The Edmonton Journal*.

"There is no haste or anything unusual about the Trudeau stamp. The rule is that Governors General and Prime Ministers can be honoured on stamps within a year after their death (their families usually choose to have the stamp issued on their next birth date). Mr Trudeau died in September 2000 and a July 1, 2001 stamp issue date is appropriate. Because of the personal nature of this kind of stamp, Canada Post consults with the family of the former Governor General or Prime Minister. In this case, the Trudeau sons recommended the use of their father's official portrait which hangs in Parliament and asked if the stamp could be issued on Canada Day. Many officials at Canada Post and

Le site Web de La SRPC <www.rpsc.org> ou <www.philately.ca> permet aux visiteurs de laisser des questions concernant les timbres et notre hobby. Généralement les questions sont simples. Par exemple: "Que retrouve-t-on sur tel ou tel timbre?" ou l'on nous demande des informations concernant la valeur des timbres ou comment l'on dispose d'une collection que l'on a héritée. De temps en temps, une question est posée qui demande une recherche plus poussée. Un exemple de ceci est une question que nous avons reçue récemment à savoir si "La vitesse à laquelle Postes Canada émet un timbre commémoratif pour Trudeau, le Premier juillet, sort de des paramètres de la politique formelle ou de la tradition, ou non?" Puisqu'il est possible que plusieurs de nos lecteurs se posent la même question, j'ai pensé partager avec vous la réponse que j'ai donnée à Lorne Gunter, un chroniqueur du *Edmonton Journal*.

"Il n'y a pas de précipitation ou rien hors de l'ordinaire pour le timbre Trudeau. Le règlement stipule que les Gouverneurs généraux et les Premiers ministres peuvent être honorés sur des timbres dans l'année qui suit leur mort (leur famille choisit généralement la date de leur prochain anniversaire de naissance). M. Trudeau est décédé en septembre 2000 et la date du Premier juillet 2001 pour l'émission du timbre n'est pas hors de l'ordinaire. À cause de la nature personnelle de ce genre de timbre, Postes Canada consulte la famille de l'ancien Gouverneur général ou de l'ancien Premier ministre. Dans ce cas, les fils de M. Trudeau ont

PRIME MINISTER AND GOVERNOR GENERAL PREMIER MINISTRE ET GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL	DATE OF DEATH DATE DE DÉCÈS	DATE OF STAMP DATE DU TIMBRE	TIME LAPSED LAPS DE TEMPS
W. L. Mackenzie King	1950.07.22	1951.06.25	11 months/mois
Arthur Meighen	1960.08.05	1961.04.19	8.5 months/mois
George P. Vanier	1967.03.05	1967.09.15	6.5 months/mois
Vincent Massey	1967.12.30	1969.02.20	14 months/mois
Lester B. Pearson	1972.12.27	1973.10.17	9.5 months/mois
Louis St-Laurent	1973.07.25	1974.04.08	8.5 months/mois
John G. Diefenbaker	1979.08.16	1980.06.20	10 months/mois
Jules Léger	1980.11.22	1982.04.02	16 months/mois
Roland Michener	1991.08.06	1992.10.21	15 months/mois
Jeanne Sauvé	1993.06.26	1994.03.08	9 months/mois
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	2000.09.28	2001.07.01	9 months/mois



Canada has issued stamps for deceased former Governors General. Counter clockwise from top left, they are Georges Vanier, Vincent Massey, Jules Léger, and Jeanne Sauvé. Stamps issued for late Prime Ministers are found on the cover.

Le Canada a émis des timbres commémorant les Gouverneurs généraux décédés suivants: Messieurs Georges Vanier, Vincent Massey et Jules Léger et Mme Jeanne Sauvé (en commençant en haut à gauche et allant à l'encontre de la montre). Les timbres commémoratifs pour les Premiers ministres se trouvent sur le couvert.

many members of its Stamp Advisory Committee also favoured the official portrait as the design for the commemorative stamp. The selection of the July 1 date asked for by the family was agreed to by Canada Post as falling within the usual time frame.

This policy of releasing a stamp within a year (which is not cast in stone, it might be longer for technical [production] or personal [family] reasons) has been in place since the early 1950s. Above is a list of the former Governors General and Prime Ministers who have been so honoured (with the date of their death, the date of the stamp issue and the time lapse between death and stamp issue):

As you can see, the average time between date of death and date of stamp issue is approximately 10.5 months with the shortest time for the Vanier stamp and the longest for the Léger stamp.

All deceased Prime Ministers of Canada have been honoured by a stamp as have all deceased Canadian-born Governors-General. Before 1951 only two Prime Ministers had appeared on Canadian stamps (John A. Macdonald and Wilfrid Laurier). These stamps were issued in 1927 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Confederation. In 1951, when a stamp commemorating Mackenzie King was being planned, the Post Office Department decided to honour all deceased Prime Ministers who had not appeared on stamps up to then. Robert Borden was honoured in 1951, John Abbott and Alexander Mackenzie in 1952, John Thompson and Mackenzie Bowell in 1954, and Richard Bennett and Charles Tupper in 1955." ✱

recommandé que le portrait officiel de M. Trudeau, qui pends au Parlement canadien, soit utilisé comme élément principal du timbre. De plus, ils ont suggéré que le timbre soit émis le Jour du Canada. Plusieurs officiels de Postes Canada et la plupart des membres du Comité consultatif sur les timbres-poste avaient aussi recommandé le portrait officiel pour le design du timbre commémoratif. La date du Premier juillet choisie par la famille fut acceptée par Postes Canada comme tombant dans l'échéancier habituel.

Cette politique d'émettre un timbre à l'intérieur d'une année (qui n'est pas rigoureusement suivie pour cause technique (production) ou personnel (famille) est en place depuis le début des années 1950s. Ci-dessous vous trouverez une liste des Gouverneurs généraux et des Premiers ministres qui ont mérité cet honneur (avec la date de leur décès, la date de l'émission du timbre et le laps de temps entre les deux):

Comme vous pouvez le constater, le laps moyen entre la date du décès et la date de l'émission d'un timbre est d'environ 10.5 mois. Le temps le plus court fut pour le timbre de M. Vanier et le plus long celui de M. Léger.

Tous les Premiers ministres décédés ont été honorés par un timbre comme c'est aussi le cas pour tous les Gouverneurs généraux décédés qui sont nés au Canada. Avant 1951 seulement deux Premiers ministres avaient apparu sur des timbres canadiens (John A. Macdonald et Wilfrid Laurier). Ces timbres furent émis en 1927 pour le 60e anniversaire de la Confédération canadienne. En 1951, lorsque le Ministère des postes planifiait émettre un timbre pour Mackenzie King, ils ont aussi décidé d'honorer tous les autres Premiers ministres décédés à cette date. Robert Borden fut honoré en 1951, John Abbott et Alexander Mackenzie en 1952, John Thompson et Mackenzie Bowell en 1954, et Richard Bennett et Charles Tupper en 1955." ✱

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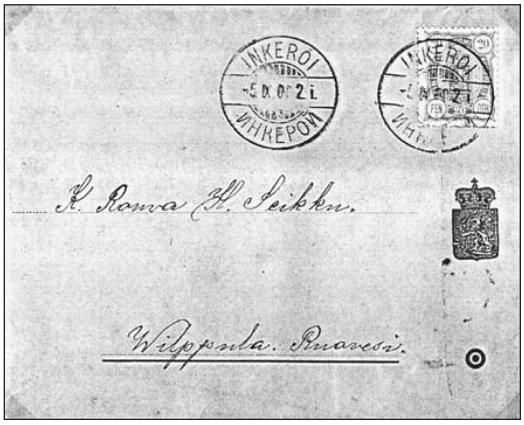
Finnish Nationalism

By Charles Leonard

Towards the end of the 19th century, Russia began to exert more and more pressure in order to bring about the Russification of Finland and the Finnish Postal Service did not escape attention. However, this policy brought about a corresponding rise in protests, demonstrations, petitions and resistance, both active and passive on the part of the Finnish people.

The Finnish "Coat of Arms" stamps were forbidden on mail to Russia from January 1, 1892, for mail going abroad and for mail within Finland as of January 14, 1901. Thereafter, it was compulsory to use Russian stamps on mail to Russia and abroad. Stamps in Finnish currency, but with Russian designs, were to be used on mail within Finland.

Last day of use of the Arms-type stamps and stationery. To the left is The Mourning Stamp with 20 pen. Arms used at Helsinki on Jan. 13, 1901. Below is a 25 pen. stationery envelope cancelled at Willähti also on Jan. 13, 1901.



5 Sept. 1900. Inkeroi to Ruovesi – envelope with Finnish Coat of Arms on the flap. The use of the Arms stamps had already been banned for international mail and could only be used within Finland.

An attractive design using the Mourning Stamp.

A mourning stamp was issued in August 1900 as a protest against the banning of the Arms stamps on mail to abroad. It was designed by Axel Gallen and printed by Arvridssons of Helsinki. The issue was financed by a group of leading merchants and the stamps sold at one penni each, with the value printed on the reverse.

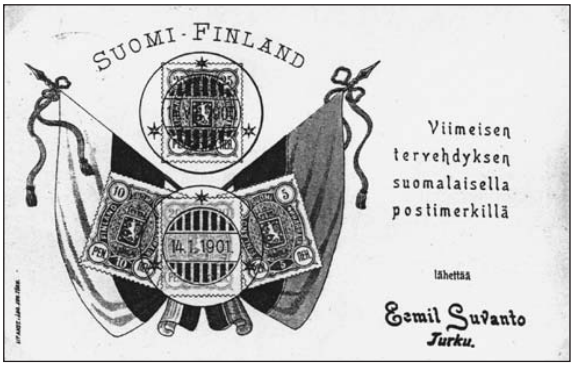
A further printing was made by Syrens Stentryckeri of Tampere in 1914 and it can be identified by the slightly larger crown and shorter serif to the "1."

A postcard was also produced, selling at 3 pennia.

The banning of the Coat of Arms issue generated a number of "In Memoriam" cards. One version, produced in Turku/Åbo, incorporated two of the significant dates in the timetable of progressive withdrawal of the stamps.

A popular form of silent protest when forced to use Russian stamps was to place them upside-down.

Stamps in the Russian designs received the same inverted treatment, despite being in Finnish currency.



The banning of the Coat of Arms issue generated a number of "In Memoriam" cards. This version, produced in Turku/Åbo, incorporated two of the significant dates in the timetable of progressive withdrawal of the stamps. Bearing an Arms-type 5 p. cancelled on "14-1-1901," this particular example has been personalized and bears the message "A reminder of the last Finnish postage stamps."

Stamp Collecting on the Internet

by Robin Harris

Royal Web Site Changes

Have you visited The Royal's Web site in the past several months? We have made significant changes recently that you will want to check out:

- We have moved!
- Completely redesigned the entire site
- Many new features are continually being expanded

We have moved

The RPSC's Web site was redesigned and moved during the early part of this year. We are now located at www.rpsc.org. The name now is more representative of who we are. If you are a frequent visitor of The Royal Web site then you would have already been pointed to the new location.

Why not make The Royal site your home page? You may even want to add several of the pages to your favourites listing (I keep mine in an rpsc folder for convenient and quick reference.)

On-Line Library

We still have the On-Line Library. These are original research papers that have not been published anywhere else.

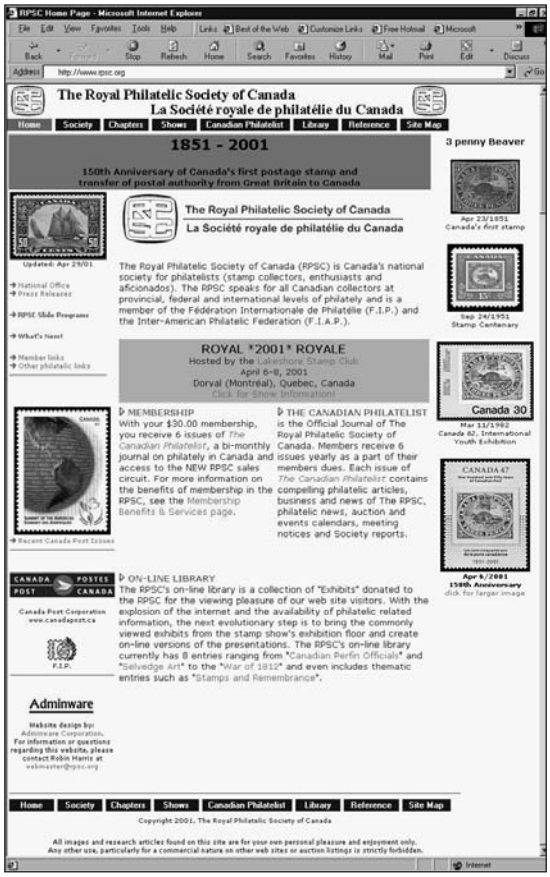
This is one of the most popular sections of the site. Feature articles include The Admiral Stamps of Canada, Canadian Perfin Officials, The War of 1812, Grizzly History, and Sponsored Stamps of Canada just to name a few.

This is one area of the site that can continue to grow. Do you have an original manuscript or "exhibit" that has not been published anywhere and would make an ideal candidate on the Web? Why not drop me a line?

What's New

What is new to The Royal Web site? The redesign of the site with a new look and feel includes the following:

• No more frames (multiple viewing areas on the same screen working independently of each other). Although most browsers these days support "frames", there are still older browsers out there that do not. In addition, we are now able to use the entire screen to show more stuff. The "no frames" approach also lets you bookmark any of the



pages as one of your favourites so that you can return directly to it at anytime.

• Hover buttons to move you through the major sections of the site. These are located at the top and bottom of every page so you can quickly jump to other areas of the site.

• Upcoming stamp shows across Canada are now listed. Of course, this is only as complete as the information the webmaster has available to him. If you are in charge of an upcoming show, why not drop the webmaster a quick e-mail with your show's information (webmaster@rpsc.org).

• New and or revised Society pages include the RPSC Slide Shows, RPSC Chapters, The Canadian Philatelist indexes and feature articles, and press releases.

• The Canada Post stamp program, with pictures of all issues (as they become available) is now on-line. Some have said that this listing is more up-to-date and complete than any other listing on the Internet, including Canada Post's own Web site!

• S site map has been added so you can see at a glance the entire scope of the Web site. With literally hundreds of different pages available to you, the site map will get you pointed in the right direction.

New References Section

We have added a new References section as part of the redesign of the site. This area alone is huge and still growing!

Although targeted to the collector of Canadian stamps, anyone will find something of interest here.

As of April 30, 2001 the following reference areas are available:

• All Canadian definitive stamp "sets" summarized and fully illustrated

• Canadian philatelic literature summarized by topic with cover illustrations of every book included

• A look at all of Canada's Prime Ministers and every Canadian stamp that portrays them

• Canada and its provinces: stamps issued by Canada illustrating each of the provinces

• Canadian history as portrayed on Canadian stamps

(It is a work in progress with changes being made on a regular basis).

In addition to the above, I want to add the following fully illustrated reference sections as time permits: stamp terminology; errors of design on Canadian stamps; living people honoured or pictured on Canadian stamps, Canadian joint issues with other countries, and a couple of other surprises. What else would you like to see?

We hope that the Reference section will become a regular meeting place for both novice and specialist Canadian collectors.

Constantly Evolving

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Web site will have had changes and additions made to it by the time you read this. It is an on-going labour of love that will never be completed. Won't you surf on by and keep up-to-date on one of Canada's premier philatelic Web sites?

Your suggestions and critique of the site are always welcome.

Taiwan honours a Canadian with a postage stamp

Dr. George Leslie Mackay

Dr. George Leslie Mackay (1844-1901) was the first Canadian missionary to Taiwan, where he quickly became a national hero. For the centenary anniversary of the death of Dr. Mackay, the Directorate General of Posts of the Republic of China on Taiwan is issuing a Mackay stamp to cherish the memory of his unselfish devotion to Taiwan and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Taiwan and Canada.

Arriving in Tamsui in northern Taiwan on March 9, 1872, Mackay began a mission that continued for 30 years. Dr. Mackay is credited as the founder of the first hospital, first modern school, first school for women, and the first museum in Taiwan. The date of March 9th is still observed as the anniversary of the schools and hospital he founded.

Yet it was not so much Mackay's institutional contributions to Taiwan that made him famous, but his innovative methods and total identification with the local people. Working alone and reviled as "the black bearded barbarian," Mackay learned the Amoy dialect through intense study and practicing with herd boys. After five months, he began to conduct his sermons in Amoy.

No other missionary to East Asia had ever immersed himself so completely in local culture and life. Mackay committed himself to learning the Chinese classics, and reported that he was soon able to debate with the local philosophers on topics such as Confucianism and Christianity. Mackay was the first missionary to East Asia ever to marry locally, and remains one of only a handful to have done so.

When Dr. Mackay and his wife returned to Canada in 1881, his methods were famous not only for their uniqueness, but also for their efficacy, as his was the most rapidly growing mission in the whole of East Asia. Contributions to his mission flourished and the Mackays returned to Taiwan with enough donations to build a clinic and a school – Oxford College –named after his home county in Ontario. Both buildings still stand as historic sites, surpassed by their successor institutions: Mackay Memorial Hospital, one of the largest in Taiwan, and Tam Kang high school, Alatheia University, and Taiwan Theological College, which grew out of Oxford College. These are part of the Presbyterian Church, the largest protestant denomination in Taiwan. Dr. Mackay's strong sense of justice and dedication to Taiwan also continues in the work of this church, which played a key role in the forty-year struggle for democracy in Taiwan- a democracy that was achieved under the presidency of Tam Kang graduate and devout Presbyterian, Mr. Lee Teng-hui.

Dr. Mackay was one of the forerunners of Canada's fight against racism and unfair immigration laws, due primarily to his efforts in opposing the head tax. When Dr. Mackay returned to Canada in 1893, he was angered by this tax that was collected on his disciple, Koa Kau, who later became his son-in-law. Dr. Mackay spoke widely and vigorously against this discrimination calling it unjust, unchristian, and unconstitutional. When he was later elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in 1894, he led the church to publicly oppose the head tax, even sending a delegation to Ottawa. This was the first time, apart from the traditional temperance and Sunday observance issues, that a Canadian church became involved in political issues.

In addition to his missionary work, his political lobbying, teaching, studying and his famous dentistry, Dr. Mackay was a dedicated chronicler of Taiwan's natural history, ethnology and society. His letters and writing were edited into a book, "From Far Formosa," which remains the best 19th century account of Taiwan at that time. Dr. Mackay brought 16 cases of artifacts from his teaching museum at Oxford College, for a missionary museum at Knox College, Toronto. His collection was placed in the vaults of the Royal Ontario Museum in 1915, where the items—over 1000 of them—lay untouched until they were rediscovered during the 1987 "Mackay 125" celebrations. The collection is recognized as the earliest and most important collection of Taiwan aboriginal artifacts in the world, after being researched by Taiwanese anthropologists. As part of the commemorations of the centenary of his death, part of this Mackay collection has been returned to Taiwan for a special exhibition in 2001.

In Dr. Mackay's long list of accomplishments, a few shine above the others:

Oxford College: With money donated from his hometown in Oxford County, Ontario, Mackay established Taiwan's first Western-style school in 1882. The original building still stands on the campus of what is now Aletheia University. It houses Oxford College and the Mackay family archives.

Tamsui Church: Established in 1872 by Dr. Mackay, this church is a vital part of Taiwan's missionary history. A congregation of several hundred people still regularly attends Sunday services.

Tamsui Girls' School: Founded by Mackay in 1883, this was Taiwan's first school that was exclusively for girls. As Dr. Mackay was a pioneering advocate of a woman's right to education, the school, which was attended primarily by indigenous women, charged no tuition.

Mackay Clinic: The first Western-style hospital, the building was reconstructed in 1879 to contain 30 beds arranged in six wards. Renovated again to merge Fukienese and Western designs, the hospital is now open to the public as a museum.

Scheduled to be released on June 1, 2001, the Mackay commemorative stamp has a denomination of NT$25.00. On the left is a sketch of Dr. Mackay drawing a patient's tooth, while on the right is an etching of Oxford College.

The stamp was painted by Lee Kuang-chi and printed in colour deep-etch offset by China Color Printing Co. Ltd. First Day Covers, folders with and without crystal mounts, and loose-leaf album pages will be released along with the stamps. Pre-cancelled FDCs will go on sale June 1, 2001, the stamp's date of issue.

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   a. a local woman
   b. a Jewish woman
   c. royalty
3. Dr. Mackay named his hospital
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The Travelling Post Office

by Andrew Barton (Banjo) Patterson

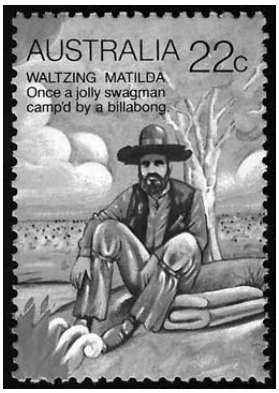
The roving breezes come and go, the reed-beds sweep and sway,
The sleepy river murmurs low, and loiters on its way,
It is the land of lots o' time along the Castlereagh.

The old man's son had left the farm, he found it dull and slow,
He drifted to the great North-west, where all the rovers go.
"He's gone so long," the old man said; "he's dropped right out of mind,
But if you'd write a line to him, I'd take it very kind;
He's shearing here and fencing there, a kind of waif and stray –
He's droving now with Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh.

"The sheep are travelling for the grass, and travelling very slow;
They may be at Mundooran now, or past the Overflow,
Or tramping down the black-soil flats across by Waddiwong
But all those little country towns would send the letter wrong.
The mailman, if he's extra tired, would pass them in his sleep;
It's safest to address the note to 'Care of Conroy's sheep',
For five and twenty thousand head can scarcely go astray,
You write to 'Care of Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh'."

By rock and ridge and riverside the western mail has gone
Across the great Blue Mountain Range to take that letter on.
A moment on the topmost grade, while open fire-doors glare,
She pauses like a living thing to breathe the mountain air,
Then launches down the other side across the plains away
To bear that note to "Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh."

And now by coach and mailman's bag it goes from town to town,
And Conroy's Gap and Conroy's Creek have marked it "Further down."
Beneath a sky a deepest blue, where never cloud abides,
A speck upon the waste of plain the lonely mailman rides.
Where fierce hot winds have set the pine and myall boughs asweep.
He hails the shearers passing by for news of Conroy's sheep.
By big lagoons where wildfowl play and crested pigeons flock,
By camp-fires where the drovers ride around their restless stock,
And past the teamster toiling down to fetch the wool away
My letter chases Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh.



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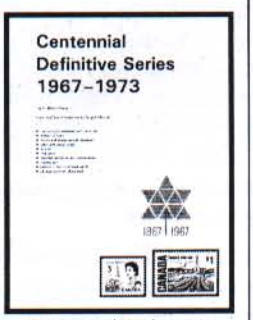

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ILLEGAL STAMPS

Universal Postal Union circulars issued concerning illegal/illicit/problem stamp issues

2001 – Seven had been reported by April 9

Date & Circ. No.	Postal administration	Subject matter
2 Jan.- No. 6	Kyrgyzstan	Illegal issues of postage stamps on the Internet site www.marlen-stamps.com.
2 Jan.- No. 7	Senegal	Illegal issues on theme Greenpeace.
2 Jan.- No. 8	Chad	Illegal issues of postage stamps issued by three companies located in Belgium, Lithuania, United States of Amerca.
29 Jan.- No. 50	Georgia	Illegal issues of postage stamps issued – more than 200 series of stamps denounced.
19 Mar.- No. 135	Laos	Illegal issues of postage stamps on the Internet site www.marlen-stamps.com.
2 Apr – No. 156	Centrafrique (République)	Illegal issues of postage stamps of various animals (tigers, penguins, wolves, horses).
9 Apr – No. 168	United Arab Emirates	Illegal issues - postage stamps supposedly issued by the Emirates of Ajman, Sharjah and Fujeira depicting animals (dogs, cats, birds, reptiles).

2000 – Twelve had been reported in total

Date & Circ. No.	Postal administration	Subject matter
25 Sept.- No. 406	Angola	Illegal issues of postage stamps issued by three companies located in Belgium, Great Britain and Lithuania.
21 Aug. - No. 345	Afghanistan	Illegal issues of postage stamps.
10 July - No. 285	Kyrgyzstan	Illegal issues of postage stamps in its name, all Beatles and Madonna.
19 June - No.214	Russian Federation	Illegal issues of postage stamps ostensibly issued by various regions of the Russian federation.
5 June - No.194	Niger	Illegal issues of postage stamps.
29 May - No. 184	Turkmenistan	Illegal issues of postage stamps belonging to the Euro 2000 European Football Championship, with a face value of 120.00 TMM.
22 May - No. 165	Mali	Illegal issues of postage stamps bearing the inscription “République du Mali” and various designs.
10 April - No. 129	Morocco	Illegal issues of postage Stamps bearing the inscription “République Arabe Sahraoui Démocratique” and various designs.
3 April - No. 119	Kyrgyzstan	Illegal issues of postage stamps, miniature sheets Bangkok 2000 consisting of seven postage stamps, each value of 20s.
7 February -No.39	Rwanda	Illegal issues of postage stamps entitled “papillons” (butterflies) was illegally issued in 1999 in the name of Rwanda.
7 February -No.34	Cyprus	Illegal issue of postage stamps entitled “Anniversaries and events” for the 35 years of the so-called “Turkish Cypriot Postal Administration.”
10 Jan. – No. 3	Ukraine	Illegal issues of postage stamps of the fraudulent issue entitled “Ukrainian Antarctic Post.”

United Arab Emirates State / l'Etat Emirats arabes unis

"I wish to inform you that we have received information from an external source reporting the existence of illegal postage stamp issues for the Emirates, prior to the establishment of the United Arab Emirates State, as described in the annex.

"We have satisfied ourselves that these stamps are counterfeits; they were never issued by the United Arab Emirates and they damage the reputation of our postage stamps. Given the great importance attached by the country's authorities to this matter, we should be most grateful if you would inform the postal administrations of Union member countries that these postage stamps are illegal and that, consequently, their use or marketing amongst philatelists is illegitimate and must cease."

List of illegal postage stamps supposedly issued by the Emirates of Ajman, Sharjah and Fujeira:

Ajman

- dogs: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- dogs: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- birds: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- reptiles: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip

Sharjah

- dogs: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- dogs: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- birds: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- reptiles: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip

Fujeira

- dogs: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- dogs: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in vertical se-tenant strip
- cats: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- birds: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip
- reptiles: 7 stamps in horizontal se-tenant strip

«J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que nous avons été saisis d'informations provenant d'une source extérieure mentionnant l'existence d'émissions illégales de timbres-poste pour les Emirats avant l'instauration de l'Etat des Emirats arabes unis, dont le descriptif figure en annexe.

Nous nous sommes assurés que ces timbres sont falsifiés; ils n'ont jamais été émis par l'Etat des Emirats arabes unis et nuisent à la réputation de nos timbres-poste. Vu l'intérêt primordial que les autorités suprêmes du pays attachent à cette affaire, nous vous saurions gré de bien vouloir informer les administrations postales des Pays-membres de l'Union que ces timbres-poste sont illégaux et que, par conséquent, leur utilisation ou commercialisation entre les philatélistes doit être suspendue ou n'a pas lieu d'être.»

Liste des timbres-poste illégaux émis au nom des Emirats d'Ajman, de Sharjah et de Fujeira:

Ajman

- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- oiseaux: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- reptiles: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement

Sharjah

- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- oiseaux: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- reptiles: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement

Fujeira

- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chiens: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant verticalement
- chats: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- oiseaux: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement
- reptiles: 7 timbres, se tenant horizontalement

Central African Republic / Centrafrique

The postal administration of the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC asks me to inform you that it has information about four illegal issues of postage stamps issued in its name and bearing the inscription "République centrafricaine".

The issues are as follows:

- Miniature sheet of 9 stamps – "Tigers"
- Miniature sheet of 9 stamps – "Penguins"
- Miniature sheet of 9 stamps – "Wolves"
- Miniature sheet of 9 stamps – "Horses"

Consequently, all these postage stamps have been issued in contravention of the Universal Postal Convention, its Letter Post Regulations and the legislation of the Central African Republic.

As the postal administration of the Central African Republic has never issued such postage stamps, they cannot be accepted as a means of postage.

L'administration postale de CENTRAFRIQUE me prie de vous informer qu'elle est en possession d'informations concernant quatre émissions illicites de timbres-poste émises en son nom et portant l'inscription «République centrafricaine».

Les caractéristiques de ces émissions sont les suivantes:

- feuillet de 9 valeurs «Tigres»;
- feuillet de 9 valeurs «Pingouins»;
- feuillet de 9 valeurs «Loups»;
- feuillet de 9 valeurs «Chevaux».

De ce fait, tous ces timbres-poste ont été émis en violation des dispositions de la Convention postale universelle, de son Règlement de la poste aux lettres et de la législation de la République centrafricaine.

L'administration postale de Centrafrique n'ayant jamais émis ces timbres-poste, ils ne peuvent être acceptés comme moyen d'affranchissement postal.

Did I buy a stolen item?

by Simon de Burgh Codrington

As all the insurance professionals in this area will testify it would seem that stolen material does often surface. The problem is that it then hurts any number of innocent parties when the material is reunited with its rightful owner.

There are a number of steps anyone can take to try to help them not to handle stolen goods, or unwittingly buy them.

Firstly, and this is obvious, it is best to only work with dealers or other collectors who are a member of one of the major philatelic societies. At least, if there is a problem with the transaction, the society may help you to negotiate with the other party to rectify the situation.

If you are making a major purchase there are a number of places where you can ask, or check if an item is known to be stolen. It can be difficult with stamps to identify an individual item unless it is very rare, but with covers this problem is almost entirely removed.

At this stage, it is worth mentioning, that to have a chance of recovering stolen or lost items, it is almost essential to have good photocopies, or with modern technology even scanned copies or colour copies of your collection.

Whenever a loss occurs, most people advise the philatelic societies, who often publish the loss in their magazine. The APS, ASDA and the PTS all receive reports of stolen material and are happy to let people know.

Many major insurance providers, ourselves included, report major losses to the Art Loss Register. This organisation is both in the USA and elsewhere. Not only does it contain details of certain stolen philatelic items, but also almost every type of art or collectible you can think of. Their success is already proven with many major paintings recovered so it is worth checking a major item with them.

On our web site, located at www.hwcanada.com we are now running a stolen and recovered page. When we have good copies or descriptions these will be posted on our site.

Unfortunately, there is no single body that has a combined list of all the thefts within our industry, but if you have any doubt, it is worth checking the above. Remember that many insurers will pay a reward, subject to certain conditions, for the recovery of stolen material. This means that you can we rewarded for you efforts in checking to see if something was stolen.

The best advise, is if you are not certain of an item's provenance it is worth being careful. Obviously you cannot worry over every item, but read the loss reports in the philatelic press and hopefully these will come to mind if you are making a purchase, even a few years later.

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British Commonwealth - early, recent used

George VI used & mint

COUNTRIES IN DEMAND

BWI all areas
British Offices Abroad
Cayman Is.,
Ceylon
Dominica
Eastern Europe
Egypt
Falkland Islands
Gambia
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guyana
Leeward Is.
Montserrat
New Zealand
Rhodesias
The "Saints" (Lucia, Vincent, Kitts)
Saint Pierre & Miquelon
Scandinavia - earlier
Seychelles
Turks & Caicos

TOPICS IN DEMAND

Minerals, Birds, ships etc

See us at the shows

Mesa, Arizona
ATA Convention - June 22-24

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stamp Expo - (Crystal City Community Centre) - July 20-22

Sandy's Notebook

Pricing Stamps:

I get more questions about how to price stamps than anything else. Most collectors are aware that catalogues are in a variety of currencies- Scott in US$, Gibbons in pounds sterling. Unitrade or Darnell are Canadian catalogues. They quote prices in Canadian dollars. You can pick them up at any stamp store or public library.

A general rule is that good quality stamps sell, but to maximize your sales, pricing is important. Each stamp is different and will be priced differently, but some guidelines for those who have not done it before:

Very fine, never hinged (VFNH) Canada 75% Unitrade (or higher for scarce items)

Fine (F-VF) or hinged Canada 50% Unitrade cat. value (use modern hinged on mail)

Do not include damaged stamps

Nice foreign, either mint NH, or clean cancels- 75% of Scott pricing

Not so nice or hinged - 50% of Scott value.

WHAT'S HOT & WHAT'S NOT!

Top quality stamps - mint, never hinged (mnh) and well centred stamps - are very much in demand.

The page at right is an excellent example of stamps that sell.

It is nicely laid out and assembled, with clear notes. There are a variety of stamps and cancels. The date and location of cancels are visible. They are rated for quality (fine, very fine etc.). They are priced according to their catalogue value and condition, with features and defects noted.

Maximize your sales, by putting good quality material in the Circuit books. They take a lot of work to put together, so put make it worthwhile for those who are buying.Faulty and damaged stamps don't sell, unless they have high catalogue value and are priced based on condition (considering the faults)- for colour, or paper varieties, interesting cancels etc.

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Palmares Report /Résultats d'expositions

by Richard Thompson

This column reports the results of philatelic and literature awards in national exhibitions in Canada and the awards won by Canadian owned exhibits and exhibits of Canadian material in international exhibitions. Results may be sent to: 309-540 Buckland Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 5Z4.

Cette chronique liste les résultats obtenus dans les expositions philatéliques et de littérature nationales ainsi que les résultats obtenus par les Canadiens ou les collections de matériel canadien dans les expositions internationales. Les résultats devraient être envoyés au 309-540 avenue Buckland, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 5Z4.

EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL
March 30-April 1, 2001
Edmonton, AB

Jury: Gray Scrimgeour (chair), John Keenlyside, William Liaskas, William Pawluk, David Piercey and Apprentices: Charles Arnold, Robert McGuiness and Joel Weiner.

Gold / Or

Sam Chiu – Opening of China: Canton, 1801-1856 – Grand Award

Richard Fleet – Province of Canada 1865 - Second Bill Stamp Issue – Reserve Grand Award

Brian Murphy – Routes Rates & Regulations: Canada's International Mail, 1874 to 1898

William Robinson – Prisoners of War and Internees, 1914-1920

Kevin O'Reilly – The Eastern Arctic Patrol 1922-1965

Tom Watkins – Commercial Usages of Canadian Semi-Official Airmail

Vermeil

Earl Covert – The Karsh Photograph of Queen Elizabeth II Used on Canadian Stamps and Postal Stationery

James Taylor – St. Pierre & Miquelon, War and Peace 1940-1962

ONE FRAME / UN CADRE
Gold / Or

Sam Chiu – The Postal History of the Last Chinese Empire: Hung Hsien

Vermeil

Ed Harris – Pioneer Post Offices of the Prairies

Mark Minenko – My Edwardian Fantasy

JUNIORS / JEUNESSE
Vermeil

Kelly Liusz – Christmas in Canada

Tatjana Yurich – Ships and Boats

Sam Heppell – Exploration of Space

Silver / Argent

Tatjana Yurich – Bridges

Randi Gombos – Angels

Kelly Liusz – Bears, Bears, Bears

Jean-Paul Montambault – Volcanoes of the World

Sophie Heppell – Cats of the World

Franciska Yurich – Sports Played on Different Surfaces

Kyle Miller – Helicopters

ROYALE*2001*ROYAL
April 6-8 Avril, 2001
Dorval, QC

Jury: Alan Hanks (chair), Andrew Cronin, Jean-Guy Dalpé, Doug Lingard, John G. McEntyre, Grégoire Tessier, Michael Peach Apprentice).

Gold /Or

Warren W. Wilkinson – Postal Rates of Canada – Grand Award

Ted Nixon – Canada 1870 – 1897 Small Queen Issue – Reserve Grand

'The Brigham Collection' – The Dominion of Canada: The Numerals and Maple Leaves, 1897 – 1902

John Cooper – Canada: The 'Admiral' Booklet Panes

David G. Nixon – Australia: The Georgians 1911 - 1936

Graham Locke – The De La Rue Key Plates

Viktor E. Sten – Denmark: 1851 - 1870

Leon Balian – Egypt 1871 - 1881

Oleg Podymow – Early Finland 1850 - 1917 "Under the Russian Yoke:" An Overview

Ann M. Triggle – Cymru (Wales)

J. Kenneth Snelson – Great Britain – Underpaid International Mail – G.P.U. to World War I

'Christiane Jacques' – Cent ans de post officielle au Canada

Henrik Mouritsen – Danish Postal Rates, 1875 - 1906

Sam G. Chiu – Chefoo, 1880 - 1911

James C. Johnson – Columbia: Nineteenth Century Postal Routes

Robert Karrer Jr. – Charleston, South Carolina – The Confederate Era, 1860 - 1865

Richard K. Malott – Canadian Airmail Crash Covers

Mary Ann Owens – The Aspinwall Connection

Vermeil

Peter McCarthy – Canada: Railway Post Office Cancellations

François Brisse – Las marques postales et les oblitérations de Bordeaux, 1690 - 1870

William G. Robinson – Prisoners of War and Internees, 1914 to 1920

Dieter Bortfeldt – British and French Aviation and Airmail Pioneers, 1870-1936

Barbra Heffel – Awareness of Persons with Disabilities – A Positive View

'G. Constant' – History of Maximaphily

Elmer Cleary – Poland in 1919

ONE FRAME / UN CADRE
Vermeil

Eric Jarvlepp – German Censorship with Chemical Testing

Sam G. Chiu – Detained in Hong Kong and the Ones that Got Away

Mary Ann Owens – Ladybug, Ladybug

George T. Guzzio – John Augustus Roebling: The Man and His Works

Silver

Victor Skidra – Study of Backside and Paper of Early Latvia stamps

Raymond Ireson – In Search of El Dorado

YOUTH
Vermeil

Kurt Glatzfelder – Space Exploration

Silver

Laurianne Groulx – Les roses

Sabrina Labrosse – Les chevaux

In Memoriam

Clifford Reuben Guile 1936-2001

by Edmund "Ted" Wright

Clifford (Cliff) Guile passed away suddenly, at age 64, in Toronto, on February 15th, 2001. Cliff is survived by his wife, Joanne, who, for many years, attended stamp exhibitions and conventions with him, during which time they enjoyed the exhibits, banquets, and other events sponsored by various philatelic societies.

Cliff was born in Ottawa, Ontario, in 1936, and attended university in Ottawa and Montreal, receiving a degree in Computer Science. Both Cliff and Joanne were employed by Bell Canada, in Montreal and in Toronto, in various managerial capacities. On one memorable occasion in 1988, they were both sent to Thunder Bay for four months to work as operators, during a general strike, when management was required to "pitch in and keep our phones ringing!"

Cliff was an avid philatelist and an active member of many clubs and societies, including The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, The Royal Philatelic Society of London, British North America Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Society, Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society of Great Britain, Canadian Branch, Toronto Collectors Club, and Colbourg Stamp Club. His contributions were major, and included serving as president of the Toronto Collectors Club, the Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society, and the Philatelic Specialists Society. Cliff also served as Canadian Commissioner to International stamp shows in San Francisco, and in London, England. He was also a valued member of the Vincent Greene Foundation Expertising Committee, and an exhibitor in his many fields of interest and expertise (including early Canada, postal history, British Commonwealth & German inflation area) across Canada, in the USA, and Great Britain, achieving various medals and awards for his interesting and informative exhibits.

For the past several years following early retirement, Cliff enjoyed working at the Toronto stamp store of George S.Wegg Limited in his spare time. His pleasant manner, helpful attitude and philatelic knowledge will be missed by the many collectors that he met and assisted during these years. His other spare-time interests included travelling, both to Canadian and foreign destinations. He was an avid reader with an interest in history and a variety of other topics. Some of us are fortunate to remember sharing memorable meals and animated discussions with Cliff and Joanne at various philatelic and private functions over the years.

Cliff will be often remembered by everyone who knew him in the philatelic community. His kindness, cheerfulness, sense of humour and vast knowledge of philately, combined to make him one of the most popular gentlemen in our hobby. He will be sadly missed.

Edric (Ed) Druce, PhD. Paleontologist, diplomat, business consultant, philatelist Nov. 3, 1939 – April 19, 2001

Dr. Ed Druce has been a keen stamp collector since 1947. As a dedicated philatelist he has served the philatelic community for the past 20 years. Ed is best known as a postal historian who assembled several major collections and exhibits in that area. He was best known for his "New South Wales" collection which has consistently taken Large Gold medals at World Exhibition. It won the Champion of Champions Class for the 1985-1994 decade, at Canberra, in 1996.

He was also a keen collector of postal stationery and put together world-class exhibits in that class as well as in thematics and aerophilately. He won the Australian Grand Prix for Postal History, Postal Stationery and Aerophilately; Best in Class for Thematics, one frame exhibits, and in Frugal Philately.

Dr. Druce spent much of his time supporting and developing organized philately. He was a Past President of the Australian Philatelic Federation and, until recently, the International Officer of that Organization. He was a national and international judge (Postal History and Youth) as well as a one-time member of the Postal History Commission of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP). He has judged in the following FIP shows: Adelaide 1986, Surabaya 1994 as well as FIP exhibitions for Praha 1988, Brasiliana 1994, Indonesia 1996, CAPEX 1996, and Taipei 1996.

He ran training courses in philately, particularly in the postal history of Australian States, China, Indonesia, New Zealand, Canada, and Taiwan. He introduced the judges training program in Australia and a National Commissioners training programme attended by both Australian and New Zealand trainees.

Ed was the Australian National Commissioner at Stockholmia '86, Brasiliana '93, CAPEX '96, INDEPEX '98, ILSAPEX '98 and WIPA 2000.

Dr. Druce was also a prolific philatelic author. He published articles on postal history, thematics, aerophilately, postal stationery, exhibiting, judging and trends in philately. He was the past editor of Capital Philately and, at the time of his death, editor of The Asia Pacific Exhibitor, both international award-winning journals.

Ed was elected as Director of the FIP in 1998 at the 65th Congress in Milan, Italy. His major responsibilities on the FIP Boards were education and membership affairs.

Ed's connection with Canadian philately occurred during his posting in Toronto as Australian Consul General in charge of trade with responsibility for all of Canada. His philatelic activities centered mainly around the activities of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada although he has given much of his time giving seminars and lectures in many parts of the country.

Ed was also the prime mover for the Reciprocity Agreement between Australia and Canada covering many judging and exhibiting issues.

He will be sadly missed.

President's Page / La page du président

by/par Charles J.G. Verge

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA 73RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB DORVAL, QUEBEC - APRIL 7, 2001

1. INTRODUCTION

This is my first report to you as President of our Society. As First Vice-President for three years prior to that, I thought the Society's business took up a fair portion of my time. Let me tell you that it is even more of my time that is required to be its President. However, I was ably helped by the Executive Committee of Ted Nixon, Rick Penko, Harry Sutherland, John Keenlyside and Keith Spencer. In addition Past Presidents Bill Robinson, Michael Madesker and Jim Kraemer have always been available for advice and support when asked. I would also like to thank the other Directors and Officers of the Society for their help and participation in the running of the Society over the last year.

2. THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Andrew Parr, our Executive Director, and Carol Law, our Member Services Coordinator, from Parr + Associates, our management firm, have been successfully running the day-to-day affairs of our office in Toronto. Improvements for our members in this area have included the appointment of an Assistant Executive Director, Barbara Brook, an 800 number for no-cost access to our national office services and staff and the transfer of our Web site from a third-party provider to the internal server at Parr + Associates.

3. THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST

This is the number one service we offer to our membership. With the introduction in 1999 of our new format we have brought the magazine to a new standard with the help of our Editors: J. J. MacDonald and Bill Pekonen. At the time of their appointment both had indicated their interest in being short-term Editors. I am particularly grateful to Bill for giving me the time to find a strong replacement. Tony Shaman of Kitchener, ON, takes over the responsibility for the magazine with the May-June issue. Tony and your Board look forward to continuing the improvement to the magazine that his predecessors had started. I hope that readers will find something for them in each magazine and I hope that this might encourage them to write articles themselves.

Since the first issue of the year, you might have noticed layout changes to The CP. These were mandated by two main reasons. First we moved the Society news to the back of the magazine because we wanted the magazine to be more reader-friendly for those people who might pick it up at the newsstand. Your magazine is now available in selected newsstands across Canada. Secondly we wanted to attract more advertizing so we freed up more choice advertizing spots.

RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE DE PHILATÉLIE DU CANADA 73e ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE CLUB DE YACHTING ROYAL SAINT-LAURENT DORVAL, QUÉBEC - 7 AVRIL 2001

1. INTRODUCTION

Ceci est mon premier rapport en tant que président de notre Société. Lors de mes trois années de vice-présidence, je pensais que les activités de la Société prenaient une bonne partie de mon temps. À présent, laissez-moi vous dire que c'est encore pire! J'ai néanmoins été aidé très efficacement par le comité exécutif comptant parmi ses membres Ted Nixon, Rick Penko, Harry Sutherland, John Keenlyside et Keith Spencer. De plus, les anciens présidents Bill Robinson, Michael Madesker et Jim Kraemer ont toujours été très disponibles chaque fois que j'avais besoin de conseils et d'assistance. J'aimerais aussi remercier les autres administrateurs et membres de la direction de la Société de leur aide et de leur participation au bon fonctionnement de la Société au fil de cette dernière année.

2. LE BUREAU NATIONAL

Notre directeur administratif Andrew Parr et notre coordonnatrice des services aux membres Carol Law, tous deux de notre cabinet de geston Parr + Associates, se sont très efficacement occupés des affaires quotidiennes de notre bureau de Toronto. Les services aux membres se sont améliorés avec la nomination de Barbara Brook en tant que directrice administrative adjointe, un numéro d'appel gratuit permettant d'accéder aux services et au personnel du bureau national, et le transfert de notre site Web d'un fournisseur extérieur de service Internet au serveur interne de Parr + Associates.

3. LE PHILATÉLISTE CANADIEN

Il s'agit du tout premier service offert aux membres. Avec le lancement du nouveau format en 1999, nous avons établi de nouvelles normes pour ce magazine grâce à l'aide de nos rédacteurs J.J. MacDonald et Bill Pekonen. Dès le début de leurs fonctions, ils avaient tous deux exprimé le désir d'être rédacteurs à court terme et je remercie Bill en particulier de m'avoir donné assez de temps pour trouver un remplaçant digne de ce nom. Il s'agit de Tony Shaman de Kitchener (Ontario) qui sera responsable du magazine à partir du numéro de mai-juin. Tony et le conseil d'administration entendent poursuivre les améliorations amorcées par leurs prédécesseurs. J'espère que les lecteurs trouveront dans chaque numéro des articles qui satisferont leurs divers intérêts et j'espère également que ceci les incitera à rédiger eux-mêmes des articles.

Depuis le premier numéro de cette année, vous aurez peut-être remarqué des modifications au niveau de la mise en page. Celles-ci étaient nécessaires pour deux raisons. Nous avons tout d'abord déplacé les nouvelles de la Société au dos du magazine afin de le rendre plus attrayant aux yeux des lecteurs qui l'achèteraient en kiosque. Votre magazine est maintenant en vente dans des kiosques sélectionnés partout au Canada. Nous voulions deuxièmement attirer de plus nombreuses annonces publicitaires et avons donc libéré des espaces de choix pour ces annonces.

The responsibility for advertising now rests with our publisher, Trajan Publishing of St-Catharines, ON. This has resulted in an increase of advertizing revenue of almost 1/3 since the beginning of the year. In addition Trajan's President and his staff have bent over backwards to help us make a better product of our magazine. For example, Paul Fiocca, Trajan's President, makes sure that the copies of the magazine going to our US and International members are mailed out from the US to benefit from the reduced mailing costs there. Cyndi Hood, the Advertizing Manager, is singlehandedly responsible for the increase in our advertizing revenues. Virginia St-Denis, the Editor of Canadian Stamp News, publishes and lays out our magazine. She is also known to write last minute articles for *The Canadian Philatelist*.

Between them all, the greatest improvement to the magazine has been its on-time delivery. After many years in the 1990s of haphazard publication dates, I am now very pleased that the magazine has, for the last two years, been on time and distributed to our members on or before publication dates, which is the first day of the second month of the publication.

We will continue to improve our magazine and hopefully it will continue to be an important journal in the life of Canadian philately.

4. THE WEB SITE

Here is another area where 2001 has been a year of change and improvement. From a first class Web site it has become a world class Web site. Our Web master, D. Robin Harris, has performed miracles in the time he has been its guru. Last year the Web site was awarded a three-star rating by the FIP in its World Wide Web Site competition… and this was before Robin took over. Daryl Oliver of Parr + Associates had successfully built our Web site from the technology point of view. Robin has maintained and improved that with Daryl's help and has added the philately for which Robin is so well known.

We also changed our URL to www.rpsc.org and www.philately.ca. Unfortunately we could not get www.philatelie.ca as the FQP had already staked a claim to it. I encourage you to look at our site particularly if you are interested in Canadian new issues. You'll get earlier and better information than on the Canada Post site.

5. CANADA POST CORPORATION

The RPSC was a big player in the 150th anniversary stamp issued on April 6 last and also a big player in convincing Canada Post to celebrate its own anniversary. Unfortunately we were so good at it that we lost out on some of the previously scheduled events.

6. INTERNATIONAL

Last October, I had the opportunity to represent Canada, with Harry Sutherland, at the FIP Congress in Madrid and was quite pleased with our input to the proceedings. I wish to thank Harry for shepherding and mentoring me through the moving sands and difficult shoals of international philatelic politics. I am also pleased to report that Canada did well in being elected to the Bureaus of the FIP Commissions. We are on the Bureaus of four (4) of the nine (9) Commissions. Michael Madesker is President of Commission for Youth Philately, Kenneth Rowe is the Vice-President for the Postal History Commission, I am the Secretary to the Literature Commission and Murray Heifetz is on the Aerophilately Bureau. It is also the first time in memory

La responsabilité des annonces publicitaires a été confiée à notre éditeur Trajan Publishing de St-Catharines (Ontario). Ceci s'est traduit par une augmentation des revenus publicitaires de presque un tiers depuis le début de l'année. Par ailleurs, le président de Trajan, Paul Fiocca, et son personnel font tout leur possible pour nous aider à mieux rentabiliser notre magazine. Paul s'assure par exemple de faire envoyer à partir des États-Unis tous les numéros destinés à nos membres des États-Unis ou d'autres pays afin de bénéficier de frais d'affranchissement réduits. La directrice de la publicité, Cyndi Hood, est redevable à elle seule de l'augmentation de nos revenus publicitaires. Virginia St-Denis, rédactrice du Canadian Stamp News, édite et met en page notre magazine. Elle écrit également des articles de dernière minute pour *Le philatéliste canadien*.

Outre les efforts déployés par toutes ces personnes, le grand progrès de notre magazine est d'être maintenant distribué à temps. Après des dates de publication plus ou moins désordonnées au cours des années 1990, je suis très heureux de constater que ces deux dernières années, le magazine a été publié et distribué aux membres aux dates de publication ou même avant, ce qui correspond au premier jour du deuxième mois de la publication.

Nous poursuivrons les progrès de notre magazine, qui continuera, nous l'espérons, à représenter un journal important dans le monde de la philatélie.

4. LE SITE WEB

Voici un autre domaine qui s'est amélioré en 2001. D'un site Web de première classe, nous sommes passés à un site de classe mondiale. Notre webmestre, D. Robin Harris, a réalisé en effet des miracles. L'an dernier, notre site a reçu trois étoiles par la FIP dans le cadre du concours des sites World Wide Web… et ceci avant que Robin ne se mette à la tâche. Daryl Oliver de Parr + Associates a accompli avec succès la phase technique. Robin a entretenu et amélioré les travaux de Daryl avec l'aide de ce dernier et a ajouté la dimension philatélique pour laquelle il est si connu.

Nous avons aussi changé notre adresse URL qui est devenue www.rpsc.org ou www.philately.ca. Nous n'avons malheureusement pas pu obtenir l'adresse www.philatelie.ca car la FQP en avait déjà fait la demande. Je vous encourage à consulter notre site en particulier si vous vous intéressez aux nouvelles émissions canadiennes. Vous y obtiendrez de meilleurs renseignements que sur le site de Postes Canada.

5. SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES POSTES

La SRPC a joué un grand rôle lors de l'émission du timbre commémoratif du 150e anniversaire le 6 avril dernier et également lorsqu'il s'est agi de convaincre Postes Canada de célébrer son propre anniversaire. Nous nous sommes tellement bien appliqués à ces deux tâches que certains des événements prévus antérieurement ont reçu moins d'attention.

6. INTERNATIONAL

L'an dernier, j'ai eu l'occasion, avec Harry Sutherland, de représenter le Canada au Congrès de la FIP à Madrid et j'ai été très satisfait de notre travail. Je tiens à remercier Harry de m'avoir si bien guidé au travers des écueils de la politique philatélique internationale. Je suis également heureux d'annoncer que la Canada a été élu dans quatre des neuf bureaux des commissions de la FIP. Michael Madesker préside la Commission de philatélie pour les jeunes, Kenneth Rowe est vice-président de la Commission d'histoire postale, je suis moi-même secrétaire de la Commission de littérature, et Murray Heifetz est membre du Bureau d'aérophilatélie. C'est aussi, si je me souviens bien, la première fois que l'Amérique

that, with our partners, the Americans, North America is represented on all bureaus. Our Director, Ann Triggle, as an APS representative, was elected to the Thematic Bureau.

I had the great honour to represent The RPSC when Michael Madesker signed The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. It was an impressive and dignified black tie affair and very moving. Once again our congratulations to Michael for a well-deserved honour.

7. FINANCES

Right after my presentation, our Treasurer will be giving you the latest information on the state of our treasury. Let me tell you that, in the last few years, there were many a time when we were in dire financial straits. Now, thanks to TAPE, and its directors, we are now in a more enviable position. I would like to thank them for making our financial stability a priority by turning over to us the ownership of the CAPEX frames and the bank account that went with them for their maintenance.

World Philatelic Exhibitions under FIP patronage are currently not popular ventures with Post Offices in North America and the possibility of holding either a World Youth or World General Exhibition was not something we could get Canada Post to agree to for the foreseeable future. Instead of protecting the CAPEX frames for a possible but not probable future World Exhibition it was decided to take some drastic measures to preserve the financial integrity of The RPSC. Firstly, the insurance on the frames was cancelled. Secondly our member, Ron Brigham, offered to store them in his warehouse at no cost to The Society for which we are very grateful. Only those who have seen the number and size of the crates can realise the amount of storage space four thousand (4000) frames require and by extension the amount of dollars we save in not paying for storage space thanks to Ron's generosity. Thirdly, the frames were put up for sale. Some ten or 11 crates have so far been sold without advertizing.[1]

8. SOCIETY REJUVENATION

On Thursday night (April 5), the directors in attendance reviewed a report prepared by a committee chaired by Ann Triggle with Past Presidents, Bill Robinson and Keith Spencer as members with a view to streamline the operations of The Society and bring the by-laws into line with the current organisational structure and practices.

There is still a lot of work to do before we are able to move on this front but all members will be able to give their views on the proposed changes since all by-law changes require publication in our journal and approval by the Annual General Meeting.

9. MEMBERSHIP

I have to steal a sentence from my predecessor's report to the AGM in Winnipeg last year that he had himself lifted from his report to the Annual General Meeting in Fredericton the previous year. Keith Spencer wrote "Membership numbers are our single most important issue". I would now add the word "critical" before the word issue. It is in fact our most important critical issue.

Now that we have settled the many problems that have bedevilled the Society over the last four or five years, the Sales Circuits, *The Canadian Philatelist*, our finances and the many services we offer that needed rejuvenating, we need to address membership. In my President's message in the May-June issue

du Nord (États-Unis et Canada compris) est représentée dans tous les bureaux. Notre directrice Ann Triggle a été élue au Bureau thématique en tant que représentante de l'APS.

J'ai eu le grand honneur de représenter La SRPC lorsque Michael Madesker a a signé Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. Ce fut un grand événement émouvant. Encore toutes mes félicitations à Michael pour cet honneur bien mérité.

7. FINANCES

Juste après ma présentation, notre trésorier vous communiquera les dernières données concernant l'état de nos finances. Au cours des quelques dernières années, nous avons souvent été en proie à des difficultés. À présent, grâce à TAPE et ses administrateurs, nous nous trouvons dans une position beaucoup plus enviable. J'aimerais remercier ces personnes d'avoir fait de notre stabilité financière une priorité en nous transférant la propriété des cadres CAPEX et du compte bancaire les concernant pour leur entretien.

Les expositions philatéliques mondiales sous le patronage de la FIP ne sont actuellement pas très populaires parmi les bureaux de poste d'Amérique du Nord, et la possibilité d'organiser une exposition internationale pour la jeunesse ou générale n'a pas pu être conclue avec Postes Canada, du moins dans un avenir proche. Au lieu de protéger les cadres CAPEX en vue d'une possible mais non probable exposition mondiale à venir, des mesures importantes ont été décidées afin de préserver l'intégrité financière de la SRPC. Tout d'abord, l'assurance des cadres a été annulée. Ensuite, notre membre Ron Brigham a proposé de les stocker gratuitement dans son entrepôt, ce pour quoi nous lui sommes très reconnaissants. Sans avoir vu de ses propres yeux le nombre et la taille des caisses, il est impossible de s'imaginer l'espace de stockage nécessaire à quatre mille (4000) cadres, et de ce fait les frais de stockage que nous économisons grâce à la grande générosité de Ron. Pour finir, les cadres ont été mis en vente. Dix ou onze caisses ont à ce jour trouvé acquéreur sans aucune publicité.[1]

8. RÉGÉNÉRATION DE LA SOCIÉTÉ

Le jeudi 5 avril au soir, les administrateurs présents ont examiné un rapport élaboré par un comité présidé par Ann Triggle et comptant parmi ses membres les anciens présidents Bill Robinson et Keith Spencer, en vue de simplifier les opérations de la Société et harmoniser les règlements par rapport à la structure et aux pratiques organisationnelles actuelles. Il reste encore beaucoup à faire avant de parvenir à ce but, mais les membres pourront tous exprimer leurs opinions au sujet des changements proposés puisque toute modification de règlement doit être publiée dans notre journal et nécessite l'approbation de l'assemblée générale annuelle.

9. MEMBRES

Je dois maintenant reprendre une phrase de mon prédécesseur dans son rapport à l'assemblée générale annuelle de Winnipeg l'an dernier, qu'il avait lui-même reprise de son rapport à l'assemblée générale de Fredericton l'année précédente. Keith Spencer a écrit que le nombre de nos membres était notre préoccupation la plus importante. Je dirais même plus qu'il s'agit là d'une préoccupation extrêmement critique.

Maintenant que nous avons réglé un certain nombre de problèmes qui entravaient le bon fonctionnement de la Société au cours des quatre ou cinq années passées (les Circuits, *Le philatéliste canadien*, nos finances et les nombreux services qui devaient être réactualisés), nous nous tournons vers nos membres. Dans mon message du numéro de mai-juin du Philatéliste canadien, je m'engage en mon propre nom et en celui du comité d'administration à faire des

of *The Canadian Philatelist*, I commit myself and your Board of Directors to make membership programs and recruitment the priority for the forthcoming year. We need to remove the dust from many of our current recruiting programs and we need to look at devising others. None of this will work without your involvement. We could double our membership if each one of us signed up a new member. Go out and find one.

10. CONCLUSION

Your Board believes that we have now crossed the threshold into the 21st Century and we will continue to build on the developments of the past years. We are relevant to the hobby and we will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. We pledge our commitment to The Society and to its improvement and even more to increasing its membership.

Please feel free to get involved. Please feel free to write or e-mail me with your comments, ideas, kudos and complaints. Thank you for attending the meeting and thank you for listening so attentively to my report.

Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC

President Dorval, Quebec, April 7, 2001

1. Since writing this report, the post office, after meeting with Knud Mohr, the President of the FIP and myself, agreed to entertain a proposal for another CAPEX. Although approval is by no means certain, the sale of the frames has been halted temporarily.

programmes offerts aux membres et du recrutement la grande priorité pour l'année à venir. Il nous faut moderniser nombre de nos programmes de recrutement et nous devons en mettre au point d'autres. Rien de tout ceci ne peut fonctionner sans votre aide. Nous pourrions doubler le nombre de nos membres si chacun d'entre vous pouvait en recruter un seul. Faites donc de votre mieux!

10. CONCLUSION

Le conseil estime que nous avons à présent bien franchi le seuil du XXIe siècle et que nous continuerons à construire sur la base des développements des dernières années. Notre Société occupe une place importante dans l'univers de la philatélie et continuera à l'occuper dans l'état des choses prévisibles. Nous réitérons notre engagement envers La Société et ses progrès, et l'augmentation massive du nombre de ses membres.

N'hésitez pas à vous joindre à nos efforts. Écrivez-nous, par la poste ou par courriel, et faites-nous part de vos idées, vos commentaires, vos coups de chapeau et vos critiques. Merci d'avoir assisté à l'Assemblée générale et d'avoir suivi si attentivement ce rapport.

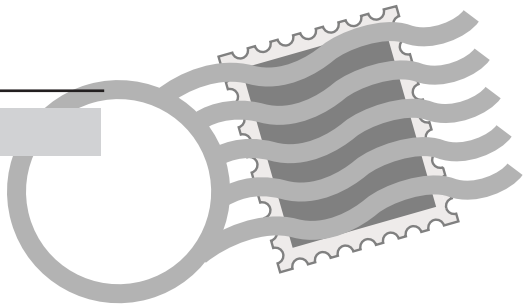
Charles J.G. Verge, FRPSC

Président Dorval, Québec, 7 avril 2001

1. Depuis que j'ai rédigé ce rapport, la poste a accepté, aux termes d'une rencontre avec Knud Mohr, le président de la FIP et moi-même, d'envisager une nouvelle exposition CAPEX. Bien que l'approbation ne soit pas encore certaine, la vente des cadres a été temporairement suspendue.

Letters / Lettres

Dear Editor / Cher



Dear Editor:

I have recently received the March/April issue and as usual it is very interesting and informative. It is unfortunate, I think, that it contains so many good articles on the early history of the Canadian mail when they could have been spread out over several issues. However, on the other hand, I am glad that the first copy of *The Canadian Philatelist* which my daughter will receive has so many articles on British Columbia mail as she resides at White Rock, B.C. and has for many years.

I am not surprised that my letter to the editor of February 12th last did not get printed when the outside wrapper of this recent publication and many comments of contributors show how closely we are tied to Canada Post. From the standpoint of some collectors, this may be good, but I maintain my view that Canada Post has recently done a lot of harm to the hobby. Yours is not the first publication that only prints those letters which it deems favourable to the policy they uphold. Anybody who thinks this country is democratic because we hold elections regularly has his or her head in the sand like the proverbial ostrich. The article of Arlene Sullivan in the January/February issue is typical of a politician and political hacks – very verbose and saying nothing.

The article by the former RCMP Superintendent Cecil C. Coutts entitled North West Mounted Police – the First Ten Years was particularly interesting. It proves the truth of the old adage "we live and learn." I travelled in my work from Regina to Moosomin for some years and went by Red Jacket regularly. It was a short distance from the Trans-Canada highway and only had one or two elevators but I often wondered where it got its name. Now I know. Many of the points named are much better known such as Fort Walsh and Fort MacLeod. We went through the latter on holiday recently and were fortunate to be there when the guard was being changed and a small detachment of the RCMP put on the Musical Ride.

As a former Boy Scout, I could appreciate the open air church service which the NWMP used to hold. However, I did not appreciate the subtitle to the pen and ink sketch of Henri Julien. The only "devine" that I can remember was a proper name – Andy Devine the comedian and Grant Devine a rather infamous politician in this Province. In these days of computers I thought that such mistakes did not occur but one would think that this glaring mistake would be caught before publication.

Yours truly,
L.F. Bence #15005

Dear Editor:

Another very successful stamp and postcard show, VICTOPICAL 2001, was held in Victoria on February 17 and 18. Sponsored by the Vancouver Island and Greater Victoria Philatelic

Societies and the Junior Stamp Club, the show attracted dealers and attendees from Vancouver Island, the mainland and Alberta.

An outstanding feature of VICTOPICAL 2001 was the fact that there were 50 junior exhibits! This phenomenal participation by juniors is due to several factors. At previous shows juniors have been encouraged to exhibit and supported in their efforts. In addition the show organizer, Don Shorting, has been conducting a philatelic outreach program to elementary schools of Greater Victoria for several years. Credit is also due to the dedicated leaders of the Junior Stamp Club of Victoria.

The result of all there efforts ensures that philately in Victoria will be alive and well in the years to come.

Unsigned

Dear Editor:

Being a former Hudson's Bay Co. fur trader, I was interested in the recent March/April anniversary edition.

I operated a number of post offices on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company from the Yukon to northern Quebec. When I joined the Company in 1938 it was like stepping back into the 19th century. Things hadn't changed that much in the north.

The mail was usually "First Class Only", delivered on an irregular basis by dog team or canoe, or occasionally dropped over the side from a passing 'bush plane'. Second class mail, usually held for us by a transportation company, arrived with our annual freight supplies: in summer, via water routes; in winter over the ice. Christmas parcels usually arrived either in June or sometime in February.

We opened new post offices at two posts where my wife suggested official names, both of which were accepted and still in use today. (Patuanak and Stanley Mission, SK).

When we left the North, my wife and I took over the general store and post office here on Denman Island, which gave me a total of 25 years of handling the mail along with a few related yarns – if you were interested.

My purpose in writing this letter is to send you a copy of an envelope sent from Winnipeg that I received in Edmonton 12 days later via a couple of other post offices, including Toronto, all for four cents postage! During the Second World War, the Company gave me leave of absence to join the air force. The RCAF was responsible for operating the newly formed British Commonwealth Aircrew Training Plan. At the start things were hectic with the shortage of training aircraft, instructors, barracks and uniforms. (It was three months before we were issued uniforms.) Flights were often broken up and posted to different stations where training facilities were available. On more than one occasion we would be notified of an upcoming posting and then have it postponed, or changed, so mail from home was often following us around the country. I was posted in and out of Edmonton twice and once to Vulcan, Alberta but never got to Toronto. That one was cancelled.

Through it all I ended up as a staff pilot; training night bombing crews. Per Ardva Ad Astra!

After the war we returned to the North where the Company, and the mail service, began to move into the 20th century.

Best wishes to the new Editor.

Jim Kirk
Denman Island, BC

P.S. A query? Pg. 66. "The Birthplace of British Colombia". Was that a typo, or? No reference in the article to "Colombia."

Dear Editor :

Re: Some Interesting Perforating Varieties Offed at Acustions Vol. 52, No. 3, page 119.

You have the most hilarious thumb-nail sketch of the life of the 20th Century's outstanding personality that one could imagine.

All the best;
Ken Eadie.

Dear Editor.

As chairman of the Map Stamp Study Group, several of our members berated me for having included irrelevant and inappropriate illustrations in *The Canadian Philatelist*'s November-December 2000 issue, p. 250-251. My response is that one cannot escape editorial excursions. Nevertheless, clarification is needed.

The Canadian Philatelist's Editorial article,March- April, p.54, paragraph 1, states lack of space or poor quality reproductions are the basis for omissions. The fact is that space was there, but all relevant and properly numbered illustrations were substituted, and publishers`say that none of the correct illustrations was presented to them. For similar images, no "poor quality" claim was ever raised in the many articles printed in three Canadian philatelic journals. Beats me!

By the way, this was a new article, since neither the Post Card disclosure nor the listing of Die Proof varieties had been published previously.

Fred Fawn
Toronto ON

Exchanges Wanted / Demandes d'échange

Since The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is the national society of philatelists in Canada, many requests for exchange partners are referred to us. As a service to our members, we are pleased to present these names, so that those who wish to do so can make overseas contacts. Please note that we have no way of checking the credentials of the individuals who write to us asking that their names be published; therefore, we urge that caution be taken when answering these requests.

La Société royale de philatélie du Canada ne s'occupe pas normalement des échanges entre philatélistes, mais comme elle est la société philatélique nationale du Canada, on lui transmet de nombreuses demandes de philatélistes désireux de trouver des correspondants pour échanger des timbres. Ainsi a t'elle décidé, pour rendre service à ses membres, de publier les noms intéressés d'outrement, afin que ceux qui désirent établir des rapports avec eux puissent la faire. Je vous signale toutefois que nous ne savons rien des personnes qui nous demandent de publier leur nom, c'est pourquoi je vous conseille d'être prudent en répondant à ces demandes d'échange.

Rodney McInnes
13 Woods Street, Ashburton, New Zealand

I am writing to your Society to discover if some member would be willing to correspond and exchange stamps with me. I am 68 years of age, married, and retired. I recently had a heart attack, preceded by a minor stroke, so I've lost a lot of mobility and have decided to return to stamp collecting.

I would be grateful to anyone taking up the offer to swap stamps, Used or Mint.

Todd S. Richard
Clarkston, MI USA

I am the pen pal chairperson of the Junior Philatelists of America. Our organization was founded to help young stamp collectors ages 18 and younger.

One of the many services it provides is the pen pal service which I control. The main purpose of the pen service is to provide young stamp collectors with people from a round the world to trade letters and possibly stamps with.

As pen pal chair person, I get a lot of requests from JPA members wanting foreign pen pals. However, I lack foreign contacts.

If possible, I request that you let young stamp collectors know of our service. To help you do this I have enclosed an article that you could put in your newsletter (if you have one). I have also enclosed a pamphlet about the JPA.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated! Thank you

To all Stamp Collectors Ages 18 or Younger

Would you like a pen pal from the U.S. to write letters to and trade stamps with? If so send the information to: Todd Richard, 5340 Waterford Rd., Clarkston MI 48346, USA

1. Your full name.
2. Your mailing address.
3. What you would like your pen pal to be like (age, gender, interests, etc.).
4. What type of stamps you collect.

*You must be able to write a whole letter in English.

Risto Taimisto
Alexander Street 20, FIN-64260 Kaskinen, Finland

I am a 56-year-old eager philatelist from Finland. I am trying to get contacts with philatelists from your country.

I have two wishes: can you publish my advertisement in a philatelic magazine or circuit in your country and can I then get a sample copy of this magazine or circuit.

Thank you very much.

Bogdan Michalski
80 - 169 Gdansk - 48, Kurpinskiego 8/2, Poland

My name is Bogdan Michalski. I am 54 years old, naval architect by profession, and my favourite hobby is stamp collecting.

I am interested in postmarks connected with apostolic visits of John Paul II to different countries of the world. I collect commemorative postmarks issued at the time of such visits of His Holiness. As you know, such a visit also took place in your country.

I have written many letters for such special postmarks from this visit, but so far without success. I am writing this letter to ask for your help. Attached is a copy of the postmark which I am looking for. In exchange, I can offer you unused stamps of Poland, Germany, or pay in cash. I would be very obliged for your kind attention to this matter.

HAMARA KIOKO
The Indonesian Philatelists
Association/Branch Board-MUSI RAWAS TOWN
C/O. Post Office - P.O. Box 113
[Si EPPI] MUSI RAWAS-SUMATERA
SELATAN. INDONESIA.

I obtained your name and address from the SILAMPARI PHILATELIC SOCIETY LUBUKLINGGAUTOWN-INDONESIA. And I hope you don't mind me writing to you.

My name is Hamara kioko. I am 41 years old and I am a stamp collector and President of The Indonesian Philatelists Association-Branch Board Musi Rawas-South Sumatera -INDONESIA.

Please send me any available free information, price lists, auction catalogues, philatelic bulletins, new issues, sale catalogues or stamp magazines, mail auction fully illustrated net price catalogue, auction sales, etc.

My collecting consists of FDCs/S/Sheets/postal stationery, postal history, numismatics, phonecards, stamps – new issues and used. Themes I collect include flora and fauna. Because they are very difficult to find in Indonesia, please send me free further information on how I place a standing order. At this time, please just send me a complimentary copy of your mailing list.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Thank you for any information you may be able to give me. Thank you in advance for your kind attention to our Philatelic Society.

Best regards and Love from Indonesia.

Fellows of the Society

By George Pepall

Lt. Col. W.J. (Bill) Bailey

Lt. Col. W.J. (Bill) Bailey was made a Fellow of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in 1993. His letter of nomination at that time covered his many qualifications for the honour, to which he has added considerably since that nomination.

He has been a long-standing member of The RPSC, and served as a director for seven and a half years. He is an active collector and exhibitor of Canadian Military Postal History, the Centennial Queen issue, the Postal History of the Order of St. John, French Overseas Military Postal History as well as that of the Gold Coast. He is currently chairman of a military mail study group.

Bill now has ten books in publication, most done in collaboration with the late Ritch Toop, also a Fellow of The RPSC. Three were published in Canada, two in the USA, four in England, and one in Germany. He has attended every major London, England international show since 1960. (One occurs every ten years.) In 1990 he won a large silver medal there for philatelic literature publication, and in 2000 a large vermeil.

Like youngsters who are fated by their parents' collecting habits to be philatelists, Bill was likely influenced toward a military career by his father, who commanded the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles in British Columbia, and was twice decorated in the First World War.

Bill served as regular army officer in Germany, England, Syria, Cyprus, Vietnam (both North and South), Israel, Egypt and Ghana over a 28 year career. He also did an exchange tour with the British Army. Bill's seven month stint with the U.N. in Cyprus is a favourite memory because he found it to be "a magical island."

He left Ottawa on retiring from active military service for Vancouver, where he commanded the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and worked as a full-time executive for the Order of St. John for a number of years. Bill and his wife Jane return to eastern Ontario each summer to a cottage north of Peterborough. As he puts it (and many of us know what he means), "having that cottage is like pouring all kinds of money down a rathole!"

Bill tells me he is still judging and is an active and avid collector of many ephemera outside traditional philately: militaria on postcards and postal history; First and Second World War French P.O.W. cards; battles on postcards; uniforms, camps, medals and decorations on stamps; Gold Coast postal stationery; Ghana rate covers. The only stamps that Bill collects now are those of Tibet, 1933, and those showing the Sovereign and Venerable Order of St. John. Lately he has been writing the story of that order in a book titled The Red and White Cross.

Not only was Bill's philatelic life enhanced by his military travels, so was his marital status! He met his wife Jane, sister of another army officer, in Montreal. They have a son who is a chef, and a daughter, an historian.

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REGIONAL EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉGIONAUX

Aug. 11, 2001: Fenelon Stamp Club presents FENPEX 17 at the Fenelon Falls United Church, 123 Colborne St., Fenelon, ON. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dealers, exhibits, prizes. Free admission. Lots of parking. Contact Margaret Allen at (705) 887-5386.

Oct. 6-7, 2001: VICPEX 2001, sponsored by the Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island Philatelic Stamp Societies, will be held at the Holiday Inn of Victoria, 3200 Blanshard St., Victoia, BC. Sixteen dealer bourse and 100 16-page frames. Adults $5 per frame, Juniors $1 per entry. Admission by donation. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with awards presentation at 3:30 p.m. Contact Don Shorting, Box 5164, Station B, Victoria, BC V8R 6N4.

Oct. 13, 2001: MUSPEX 2001, sponsored by the Muskoka Stamp Club, will be held at the Rotary Youth Centre on Wellington S. in Bracebridge, ON. Non-competitive displays by members and dealers in attendance. Free admission. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plenty of free parking is available.

June 1-2, 2002: GRANDPEX 2002 will be held by the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association that represents clubs from Bramalea to Stratford and Kitchener-Waterloo to St. Catharines. Location will be the Peter Clark Hall at the University of Guelph. Thirty plus dealers, Canada Post, youth booth, circuit books from member clubs and more. See their website at www.grandpex.com for more information.

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS / EXPOSITIONS NATIONALES

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2001: BNAPEX 2001, the annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, will be sponsored by the St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group of BNAPS at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 101 Lyon St., Ottawa, ON. Extensive bourse and competitive exhibitions, special cacheted cover. Contact Major Richard K. "Dick" Malott, CD, Retd, FRPSC, AHF, Publicity Officer, BNAPEX 2001, 16 Harwick Cres., Nepean, ON K2H 6R1, (613) 829-0280, fax (613) 829-7673, or e-mail rmalott@magma.ca.

Oct. 27-28, 2001: VANPEX 2001, sponsored by the British Columbia Philatelic Society, will be held at the Ballroom, Hilton Vancouver Airport, 5911 Minoru Blv.d, Richmond, BC. Free admission, exhibits, and bourse. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Peter Jacobi, 5295 Moncton St., Richmond, BC V7E 3B2.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS / EXPOSITIONS INTERNATIONALES

Aug. 1-7, 2001: PHILANIPPON '01, an FIP World Stamp Exhibition will be held in Tokyo, Japan. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. William G. Robinson, (604) 261-1953; fax: (604) 261-3459.

Oct. 16-21, 2001: HAFNIA '01, For traditional thematics, literature and open class, will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Canadian Commissioner is Charles Verge, vergec@sympatico.ca.

Aug. 2-11, 2002: PHILAKOREA 2002 World Stamp Exhibition will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.The Canadian Commissioner is Charles J.G. Verge, PO Box 2788 Station D, Ottawa, ON K1P 5W8, e-mail vergec@sympstico.ca, fax (613) 738-7863.

Congratulations

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada extends its congratulations to Canadian Stamp News on its 25th anniversary and offers its best wishes for continued success in the future.

La Société royale de philatélie du canada offre ses félicitations à Canadian Stamp News à l'occasion de son 25e anniversaire et souhaite que son succès se poursuive dans l'avenir.

Chapter Meetings/Réunions des clubs membres

AJAX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 163 meets the 2nd and 4th Thurs, Sept. to June at the Ajax Public Library, 65 Harwood Ave. S., 6-9 p.m. Contact: Richard Weigand, 6 Carter Cr., Whitby, ON L1N 6C4. (905) 430-2637. E-mail: richard.weigand@sympatico.ca.

AMICALE DES PHILATÉLISTES DE l'OUTAOUAIS (APO)

Les membres de l'APO, chapitre 190 de la SRPC, se réunissent tous les jeudis de début septembre à fin avril, de 18h30 à 21h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Châlet Fontaine, 120 rue Charlevoix à Hull (Québec). Carte de membre 20 $ (10$ pour les moins de 16 ans). Vendeurs, encans, exposition.

Members of the APO (Chapter #190) meet every Thurs. from Sept. to the end of April, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Châlet Fontaine, 120 Charlevoix, Hull, Québec. Membership $20 ($10 under 16). Dealers, auctions, show and bourse. Contact: A. Bossard, 5-1160 Shillington, Ottawa, ON K1Z 7Z4; (613) 722-7279; e-mail: isabelle.alain @sympatico.ca

CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE "LES TIMBRÉS" DE BOISBRIAND

Section adulte: Tous les lundis soir de 19h. à 21h. Section junior: Tous les samedis de 9h. à 11h; au Centre socio-culturel de Boisbriand, 480 rue Chavigny, Broisbriand, QC, J7G 2J7; information: Louis-Georges Dumais (450) 979-7371; Jacques Charbonneau (450) 430-6460.

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 73 meets the 2nd Wed. except July and Aug. at 7:30 pm at Parkview Centre, 189 Blake St., Barrie. Table auction at every meeting. Contact: Sec.-Treas. Lew Metzger, Box 1113, Barrie, ON L4M 5E2.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 144 meets the 1st Sun. Oct. to June 2-4 p.m. and the 3rd Tues. year round 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton, ON. Contact: Bramalea Stamp Club, Box 92531, Bramalea, ON L6W 4R1.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to May, and the 1st Tues. in June, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. ON at 7 p.m., short business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by a program. Circuit books, five dealers. Contact: Secretary, Box 25003, 119 Colborne St. W., Brantford, ON N3T 6K5; (519) 753-9425

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets every Wed., Sept. to June, at 7:30 p.m. in the Amenity Room, Grosvenor Building, 1040 W. Georgia St. Contact: B.C.P.S., 2955 West 38th Ave., Vancouver, BC V6N 2X2.

BROCK / PRESCOTT STAMP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Wed. Sept. to May at 7 p.m. at Wall Street United Church, 5 Wall St., Brockville, ON. Contact Roy Brooks at (613) 342-7569.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: 1st Wed. except July and Aug., 7 p.m. Auctions on 3rd Wed. of month except Dec., 7:30 p.m. Kerby Centre, 1133 7 Ave. SW. Contact: Calgary Philatelic Society, PO Box 1478, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6.

CAMBRIDGE STAMP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Mon.Sept. to June at 7 p.m. Short meeting at 8 p.m. at Allen Bradley Cafeteria, Dundas Street, Cambridge, ON. Two dealers, club circuit. Contact: Charlie Hollett, (519) 740-6657, 3-10 Isherwood Ave., Cambridge, ON N1R 8L5.

CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 187, Yearly membership for Canadian and American members is $20 and for all other countries $25. No formal meetings, but members join the RA Stamp Club meetings at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON at 7:30 p.m. every Mon. except June to Aug. Contact: Ron Miyanishi, 124 Gamble Ave., Toronto, ON M4J 2P3. (416) 421-5846

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CANADIAN FORCES PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Chapter 89 meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wed. Sept. to June at the Trenton Seniors' Club (Club 105) at the corner of Bay and Campbell Streets at 6:45 p.m. Contact: G.A. Barsi at (613) 394-2024, M. Leedham at (613) 392-7462 or S. Taylor at (613) 393-4316.

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Chapter 106 meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine St. Trading, speaking, competitions, presentations and annual exhibition and sale in Sept. Contact: Michael Hunt at (905) 885-7074 or e-mail dorahrh@eagle.ca.

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Chapter 205 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues. Sept. to May at 7 p.m. in the Seniors' Drop-In, Vourneen "Buff" Jack Memorial Centre, 14 Victoria Square. Contact: Box 1073, Colborne, ON K0K 1S0.

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Chapter 67 of The RPSC meets on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. at 7 p.m. in the Texaco Room of the Port Credit Branch of the Mississauga Library, located in the southwest corner of the public parking lot west of Stevebank and north of Lakeshore Road. Contact Bob Laker (905) 279-8807.

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Club meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tues. Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Club, 6062-16th Ave., Tsawwassen, BC. Contact Keith Meyer, President, #7-1100-56th St., Delta, BC V4L 2N2.

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Chapter 154 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wed. at the Glenwood Church, 1825 Grand Marais West, Windsor, ON Meeting starts at 7 p.m., program at 8 p.m. Contact: President David L. Newman, 1165 Wigle Ave., Windsor, ON N9C 3M9, (519) 977-5967, or e-mail lacumo@home.com.

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Chapter 176 meets the 2nd Mon. in the Fenelon Falls Community Hall behind the Village Office on Market St. at 7:30 p.m. Contact: President: Margaret Allen, R.R. 1, Fenelon Falls, ON K0M 1N0.

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Chapter 148 meets the 1st and 3rd Tues, Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m. at the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent St. Contact Ron Smith, 12 Chateau Dr., McLeod Hill, NB, E3A 5X2, (506) 453-1792, or e-mail: rugbyron@ nb.sympatico.ca

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GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 32 meets on the 3rd Fri. at 7:30 p.m at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay. Circuit books, auction and special programs prevail. Contact Don Dundee, 928 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC V8Y 1K3, (604) 658-8458.

HAMILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 51 meets at 6 p.m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Mon., Sept. to June except holidays, and 2nd Mon. of July, at Bishop Ryan secondary School, Quigley Road and Albright Street. Contact: Clare Maitland (Secretary), Box 60510, 673 Upper James St., Hamilton, ON, L9C 7N7; e-mail: stamps@hwcn.org or visit their website at: www.hwcn.org/-ip029

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Meets the 3rd Thur. Sept. to June at 6:30 p.m. on 23rd Floor 390 Bay St., Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2. Contact: John Titterton, Secretary, (519) 927-3548.

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Chapter 58 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues. except July and Aug., at 7 p.m. in the staff room of St. Peter's secondary School, 733 Parkhill St., Peterborough.

KELOWNA & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 90 meets on the 2nd Wed. Sept. to June at 7 p.m., Dr. Knox Middle School Cafeteria, 1555 Burtch Ave. Contact: Box 1185, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7P8.

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Chapter 7 meets 4th Wed. except July, Aug. and Dec. in the library of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile, Chatham, ON, at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary, Allan Burk, 43 Sudbury Dr., Chatham, ON N7L 2K1.

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KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 13 meets the 2nd Thurs. Sept. to June at Albert McCormick Arena, Parkside Dr., Waterloo. Contact: Betty J. Martin, P.O. Box 43007, Eastwood Square PO, Kitchener, ON N2H 6S9, (519) 578-7782.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 33 meets the 2nd Wed. and last Fri. Sept. to June at the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay, ON. at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary D. Lein, 232 Dease St., Thunder Bay, ON P7C 2H8.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB – CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE DE LAKESHORE

Chapter 84 meets at Dorval Strathmore United Church, 310 Brookhaven Ave., Dorval, QC, on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. Sept. to June at 7 p.m. Contact: John Cooper, President, P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC H9R 4N5.

Le chapitre 84, se réunit tous les jeudis de début septembre à fin juin, à 19h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Dorval Strathmore United Church, 310 ave. Brookhaven, Dorval, QC. Information: John Cooper, Président, P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC H9R 4N5.

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Chapter 57 meets on the 2nd Thur. at 7 p.m. except June, to Aug. at the Canadian Western Natural Gas Co. building at 410 Stafford Dr. N., Lethbridge, AB T1H 2A9.

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Chapter 204 meets every other Fri. Sept. to May, at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Martin's Church, 46 Cathcart St., London. Meeting at 8 p.m. Contact Patrick Delmore at (519) 675-0779.

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Chapter 180 meets on the last Mon., except Dec. at 7 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall (beside Town Hall) in Milton, ON. Silent auction every meeting. Contact: Milton Stamp Club, 425 Valleyview Cres., Milton, ON L9T 3K9; (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076, or e-mail: alman@globalserve.net.

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Meets on the 3rd Thurs. except Dec. at 7 p.m. at #105-402 W. Beasley, Nelson, BC V1L 5Y4.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs. except July and Aug. 7 p.m. at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St., Toronto. Sales circuit, auctions, speakers. Contact: Ben Marier, (416) 492-9311.

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Chapter 21 meets the 1st and 3rd Wed. except July and Aug. when meetings are held on only the 3rd Wed., at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge of the Centennial Arena, north side of Finch Ave. W., west of Bathurst. Sales circuit, auctions, speakers, lectures. Contact: John Moffatt, Box 62, Willowdale, ON M2N 5S7. (905) 889-8720.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

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Chapter 135 meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 124 Margaret Dr.. Contact: Oakville Stamp Club, Box 69643, Oakville, ON L6J 7R4.

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Chapter 16 meets every Thurs. at 7:45 p.m. Sept. to May at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St., Ottawa. Contact OPS Merivale P.O. Box 65085, Nepean, ON K2G 5Y3.

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Chapter 191 meets the 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 149 4th Ave. E. Trading, auctions, circuit books. Contact Robert J. Ford, 721 8th Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 3A4.

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Chapter 65 meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. Sept. to May, at Knights of Columbus Hall, behind St. Rita's Catholic Church (Dundas St. E.) Woodstock, ON. Trading and junior program at 7 p.m., regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Speakers, mini auctions, prizes, contests, dealers. Contact: Gib Stephens, P.O. Box 20113, Woodstock, ON N4S 8X8.

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R.A. STAMP CLUB - OTTAWA

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Chapter 10 meets the 1st and 3rd Wed., Sept. to May, 7-10 p.m. at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate Library, 2601 Coronation St., Contact: Box 1891, Regina, SK S4P 3E1.

ROYAL CITY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 104 meets on the 3rd Thurs. except July and Aug., 7:30 p.m. at Community Centre, 65 East Sixth Ave., New Westminster, BC. Contact: Box 145, Milner, BC V0X 1T0. (604) 534-1884.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

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Chapter 80 meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. Sept. to May, 7-9 p.m. at the Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Dr., Saskatoon, SK. Contact: secretary: Doug Smith, (306) 249-3092; e-mail: ae245@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca.

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Chapter 92 meets on the 4th Thurs.Sept. to June, except Dec. when it meets on the 3rd Thurs. 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Dr. Stratford. Juniors meet at 7 p.m., regular meetings at 8 p.m. Contact: PO Box 21031, Stratford, ON N5A 7V4.

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Chapter 85 meets the 2nd Tues. Sept. to June, in the St. Raphael School library, 109 Dublin St., at 7:30 p.m. Slide shows, presentations and auctions. Contact: David Squarzolo, Box 2211, Stn. A, Sudbury, ON P3A 4S1; (705) 566-8987.

THE PHILATELIC CLUB OF MONTRAL

Chapter 122 meets on the 3rd Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. at Le Manoir, 5319 Notre Dame de Grace. Contact: Lloyd Slaven, 1079 Emerson Cres., Chomedy, QC, H7W 1H6; e-mail: lslaven@macten.net.

TORONTO HARMONIE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 94 meets the 1st Mon. Jan. to May and Sept. to Nov. at 1460 Bayview Ave., in the apartment building meeting room at 7:30 pm. Contact J.G. Doehler (416) 438-4862.

TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Chapter 3 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues. Sept. to June at 7 p.m., 7110 8th Ave., Montreal (St-Michel), QC. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9170 Millen St., Montreal, QC H2M 1W7.

VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 52, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Thurs. at St. Aidan's Church Hall, 3707 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC. Contact R. Clarke, Sec., Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 6351, Postal Station 'C', Victoria, BC V8P 5M3.

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Chapter 14 meets 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tues. except July and Aug., 7:30 p.m. at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Ave., Etobicoke, Auctions, dealers, speakers, study group, annual exhibition. Contact: 331 Rathburn Rd., Etobicoke, ON M9B 2L9. Frank Alusio, (416) 621-8232.

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. except July and Aug. Deaf Centre of Manitoba, Meeting Room, 285 Pembina Hwy. Contact: Rick Penko, 3793 Vialoux Dr., Winnipeg, MB R3R 0A5, e-mail rpenko@escape.ca.

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One Last Word/Un Mot de

The Coming Events/Calendrier listing is one of the most important reports appearing in each issue of The Canadian Philatelist. It keeps members informed of upcoming events and in some instances may even help organizers determine a preferred date for their show. But this free service is not exploited to its fullest because too many show organizers, at all levels of organized philately, are either not sending in their show dates at all or they are submitting them too late to permit remedial action in situations where multiple shows have been scheduled for the same day.

The elimination of multiple shows, such as occurred this past April 7 when the RPSC Convention, the Kitchener and London clubs, and perhaps others, all scheduled their events for the same date, would be a win-win situation: dealers have the option of attending more shows, thereby defraying expenses faced by show organizers, and host clubs would avoid competing with each other for the same customers.

Expanding the Coming Events/Calendrier listings of local, national, and international shows is a project whose time has come. But a proactive approach in place of the passive role taken in the past is needed.

Chances are that the changes needed to effect the desired results are not that difficult to achieve. But several things need to happen. First, show-dates must be submitted as soon as they are firmed up. In many cases these dates are known months, or even years, in advance of the actual event. Second, a clearinghouse needs to be established where conflicting dates will immediately be spotted and brought to the attention of those involved. Third, historical dates should be reviewed as past conflicts may well point to future trouble spots thereby avoiding potentially conflicting dates for future shows.

Potential conflicts can be brought to the attention of show organizers before they firm up their date(s). Of course, we must recognize that the unavailability of suitable facilities may prevent organizers from changing a date but at least everyone concerned will be aware of the conflict in advance. At the very least, multiple shows scheduled for the same day can be kept to the absolute minimum.

The way in which things have been done in the past can always be improved upon and expanding our Coming Events/Calendrier is one such example. With the support of the people responsible for the submission of their show dates, appreciable improvements in reducing the number of same-day shows should be possible.

I also want to express my thanks and appreciation to all the readers who responded to my request in the last issue for articles, letters, news, and views. It has been stated many times before -but bears repeating – that a society publication is only as good as its members make it. The Royal is composed of a great group of members sharing a common interest and I am con-

Le calendrier des activités à venir est l'une des plus importantes rubriques de chaque numéro du Philatéliste canadien. Il informe les membres au sujet des activités à venir et permet même, dans une certaine mesure, d'aider les organisateurs à choisir une date pour leur exposition. Mais ce service gratuit n'est pas pleinement exploité parce que trop d'organisateurs, à tous les niveaux du milieu philatélique, n'envoient tout simplement pas les dates de leur exposition, ou, les soumettent trop tard pour permettre de remédier à la situation lorsque plusieurs expositions sont prévues le même jour.

L'élimination des expositions qui se chevauchent, comme cela s'est produit le 7 avril dernier alors que la Société royale de philatélie du Canada, les clubs de Kitchener, de London et peut-être d'autres, avaient choisi la même date, serait un avantage : les vendeurs pourraient visiter plusieurs expositions, et dès lors en payer les frais ; les organisateurs et les clubs hôtes éviteraient ainsi d'entrer en compétition pour les mêmes clients.

Le temps est venu d'élargir le calendrier des activités à venir pour les expositions locales, nationales et internationales. Mais l'inertie doit être remplacée par une approche proactive.

Il y a de bonnes chances que les changements nécessaires pour atteindre ces résultats ne soient pas trop difficiles à effectuer. Cependant cela ne se fera pas tout seul. Premièrement, les dates prévues des expositions devraient être soumises dès qu'elles sont confirmées. Souvent on connaît ces dates des mois, voire des années à l'avance. Deuxièmement, il faudrait qu'il y ait concertation afin de détecter immédiatement les conflits de dates et les porter à l'attention des personnes concernées. Troisièmement, Les dates historiques devraient être révisées puisque les conflits passés nous donnent un aperçu des problèmes qui pourraient se présenter à l'avenir.

Les conflits potentiels pourraient être portés à l'attention des organisateurs avant la confirmation de leur dates. Bien sûr nous devons reconnaître que la non-disponibilité de locaux convenables peut empêcher les organisateurs de changer leur date, mais au moins les intéressés seront au courant du conflit à l'avance. Enfin, l'organisation de plusieurs expositions la même journée serait réduite au minimum.

La façon traditionnelle de faire les choses peut toujours être améliorée et l'élargissement du calendrier des activités à venir en est un exemple. Grâce à la coopération des responsables de l'émission des dates, une réduction considérable des expositions ayant lieu le même jour devrait être possible.

Je désire adresser mes remerciements et démontrer mon appréciation aux lecteurs qui ont répondu à ma demande d'articles, de lettres, de nouvelles et de photographies. Bien que cela ait souvent été dit auparavant, la peine vaut de répéter que les publications d'une société sont telles que ce que ses membres en font. La Société royale se compose de plusieurs membres partageant un intérêt commun et je suis convaincu de pouvoir compter sur vous pour continuer.

vinced that I can count on you to "keep those submissions coming."

This issue features an article by longtime contributor Jay J. Edward dealing with the exploits and explorations of Samuel Hearne. The accompanying maps put the vast distances covered by this intrepid explorer into perspective.

A new writer to the magazine, Charles Leonard, submitted an illustrated article on Finnish Nationalism. The accompanying photograph of the author may be another idea that should be introduced in future issues. Readers probably like to see what the people whose columns they read look like.

Ship wreck covers, a topic that is aggressively pursued by a number of collectors, was penned by another first-time author to our journal. Ken Lewis writes about the sinking of the S.S. Labrador within sight of land off the coast of Scotland just over 100 years ago.

An ever-greater problem faced by collectors is the illegal production of nefarious postage stamps by criminals. A press release by officials of the UPU listing some of the worst examples is reprinted for the benefit of members.

Another longtime contributor, Joseph Monteiro, reviews several albums and books published by a selected number of postal administrations.

The number of letters to the editor and requests for stamp exchange partners is gratifying and indicates that our magazine is serving the purpose for which it was designed: inform, educate, and provide timely assistance to make our hobby even more enjoyable for collectors.

Le présent numéro comporte un article d'un de nos collaborateurs de longue date, Jay J. Edward, sur les exploits et les explorations de Samuel Hearne. La carte incluse met en en évidence les grandes distances couvertes par cet intrépide explorateur.

Charles Léonard, un nouvel auteur de la revue, a proposé un article illustré sur le nationalisme finlandais. Une photographie de l'auteur comme celle qui accompagne cet article serait une idée à inclure dans nos prochains numéros. Les lecteurs aimeraient sans doute voir de quoi a l'air la personne dont ils lisent les chroniques.

Un autre nouvel auteur, Ken Lewis, à écrit sur les représentations d'épaves marines, sujet avidement recherché par nombre de collectionneurs. Il s'est intéressé au S.S. Labrador qui fit naufrage à portée de vue de la côte d'Écosse il y a seulement 100 ans.

Un problème encore plus grand auquel font face les collectionneurs est la production de viles contrefaçons de timbres par des criminels. Un communiqué de presse émis par les autorités de l'UPU, faisant état de certains des pires exemples de contrefaçons a été réimprimé au profit des membres.

Un autre collaborateur de longue date, Joseph Monteiro, passe en revue certains albums et certains livres publiés par un nombre choisi d'administrations postales.

Le nombre de lettres et de demandes à l'éditeur pour des partenaires d'échanges de timbres est gratifiant et indique que notre revue a atteint le but pour lequel elle a été conçue : informer, éduquer, fournir une aide en temps opportun et rendre leur passe-temps encore plus agréable aux collectionneurs.

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